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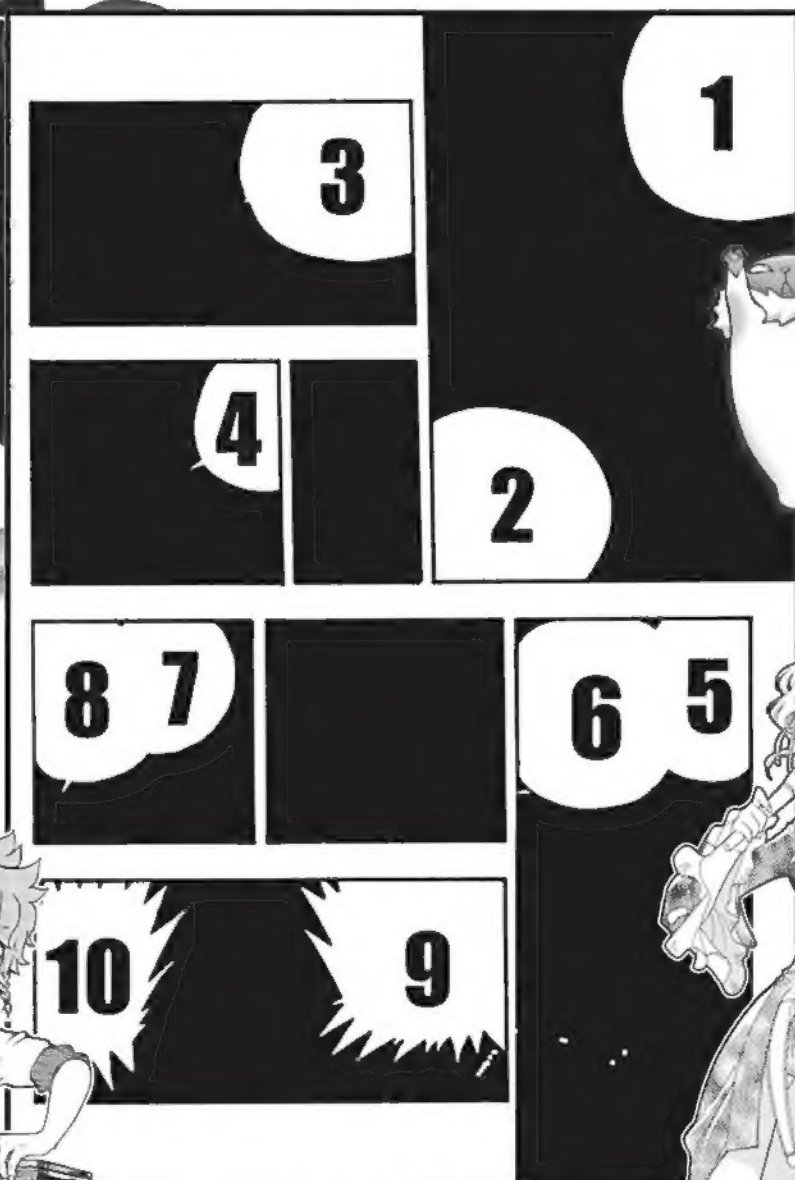
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THIS IS THE BACK OF THE BOOK!

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panel and follow the numbers below!



READ
RIGHT
TO
LEFT

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Characters

Ginko Yurishiro

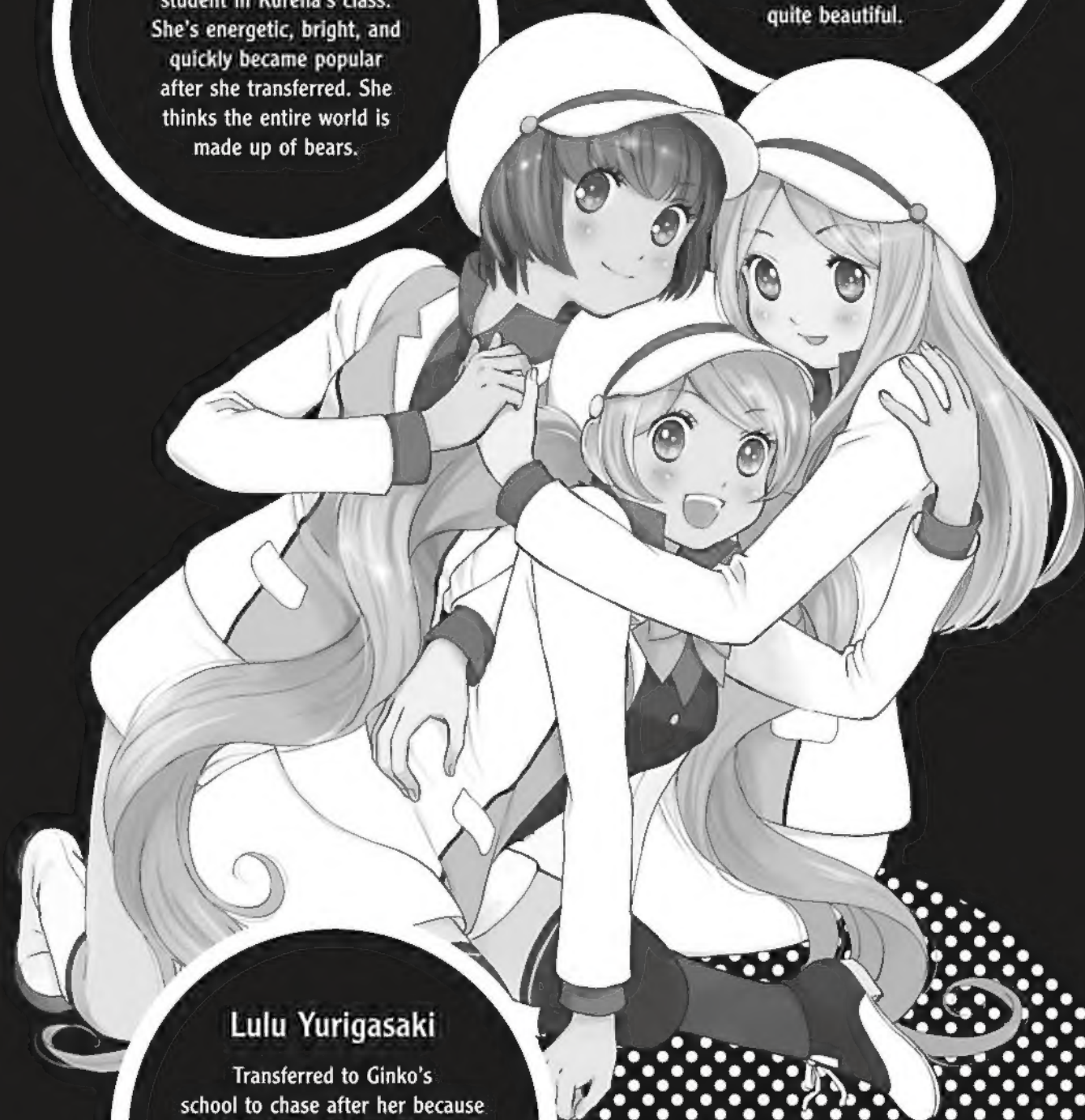
The beautiful new student in Kureha's class. She's energetic, bright, and quickly became popular after she transferred. She thinks the entire world is made up of bears.

Kureha Tsubaki

A plain girl who doesn't stand out and thinks she's "invisible." Her senses are extremely sharp and she's able to notice other people's true feelings. When she looks up and takes off her glasses, she's actually quite beautiful.

Lulu Yurigasaki

Transferred to Ginko's school to chase after her because she's in love with her. She may have known Ginko when they were little...



Story

One day, the beautiful transfer student Ginko Yurishiro started talking to Kureha Tsubaki, who was plain and “invisible.” However, Kureha noticed that there was something strange about Ginko’s smile, and found out that Ginko may not be a human... but a bear! Despite that, they became friends.

When she’s with Ginko, Kureha is able to get along much better with her classmates. One day, Lulu transferred to their school in an attempt to chase after Ginko. Lulu considers Kureha her rival for Ginko’s affections, but due to a fire in the dorm, the two of them ended up living with Ginko. While the three girls were having fun living together, Ginko received a call from her mother, telling her to eat Kureha. Even though Ginko strongly rejected her mother’s command, there’s so much more she doesn’t know...

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THIS
ENTIRE
WORLD IS
MADE UP
OF BEARS.

GINKO
OPENED UP
AND TOLD ME
EVERYTHING.



BEARS?



I WAS
SURPRISED
WHEN I
SAW YOU
BECAUSE...

IT WAS MY
FIRST TIME
EVER SEEING
A HUMAN.



I THINK
SHE IS.



IS SHE
SERIOUS?



SHE SAID
THAT THERE'S
NO WAY A
HUMAN COULD
EVER LOVE
A BEAR.

MY
MAMA
TOLD ME
TO EAT
YOU.

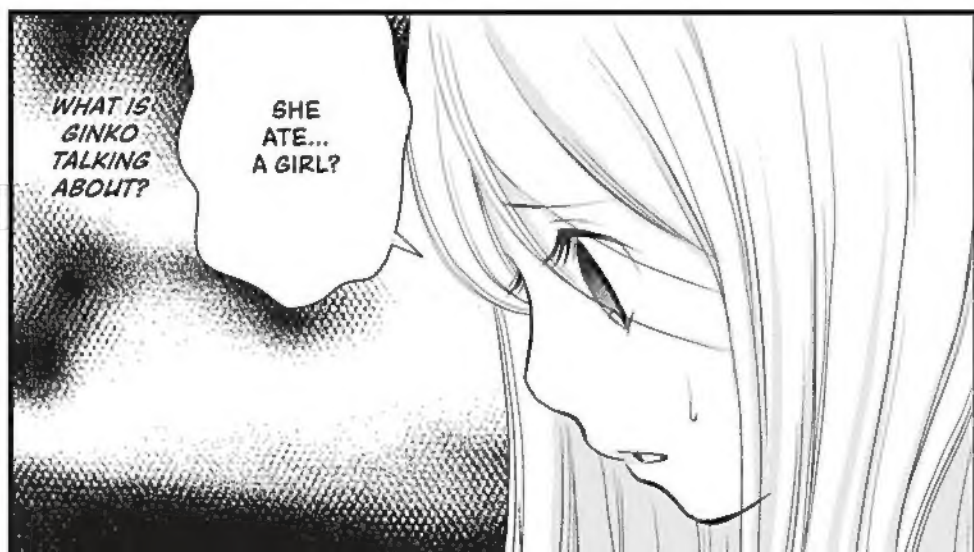
EVEN
THOUGH
WE'RE
FRIENDS...



SHE SAID
THAT IN THE
PAST, SHE
ATE THE GIRL
SHE LOVED.

AND...

*SHE SOUNDS
INSANE.*



WHAT IS
GINKO
TALKING
ABOUT?

SHE
ATE...
A GIRL?

THAT'S ALL
I COULD
THINK OF.

"I WANT TO
SAVE HER."



WE'RE
STILL
FRIENDS...

EVEN
THOUGH I'M
A HUMAN
AND YOU'RE
A BEAR.

BUT AT
THAT
POINT...

I DIDN'T
FEEL
AFRAID OR
GROSSED
OUT.



I WATCHED
GINKO CRY
ON MY LAP
AND PITIED
HER.

BUT GINKO,
YOU DIDN'T
EAT ME.

...YEAH.





THE TEDDY
BEAR GINKO
IS HOLDING
SMELLS LIKE
LILIES.

WAFT
ふわあ

AH...

THE SCENT
OF LILIES...

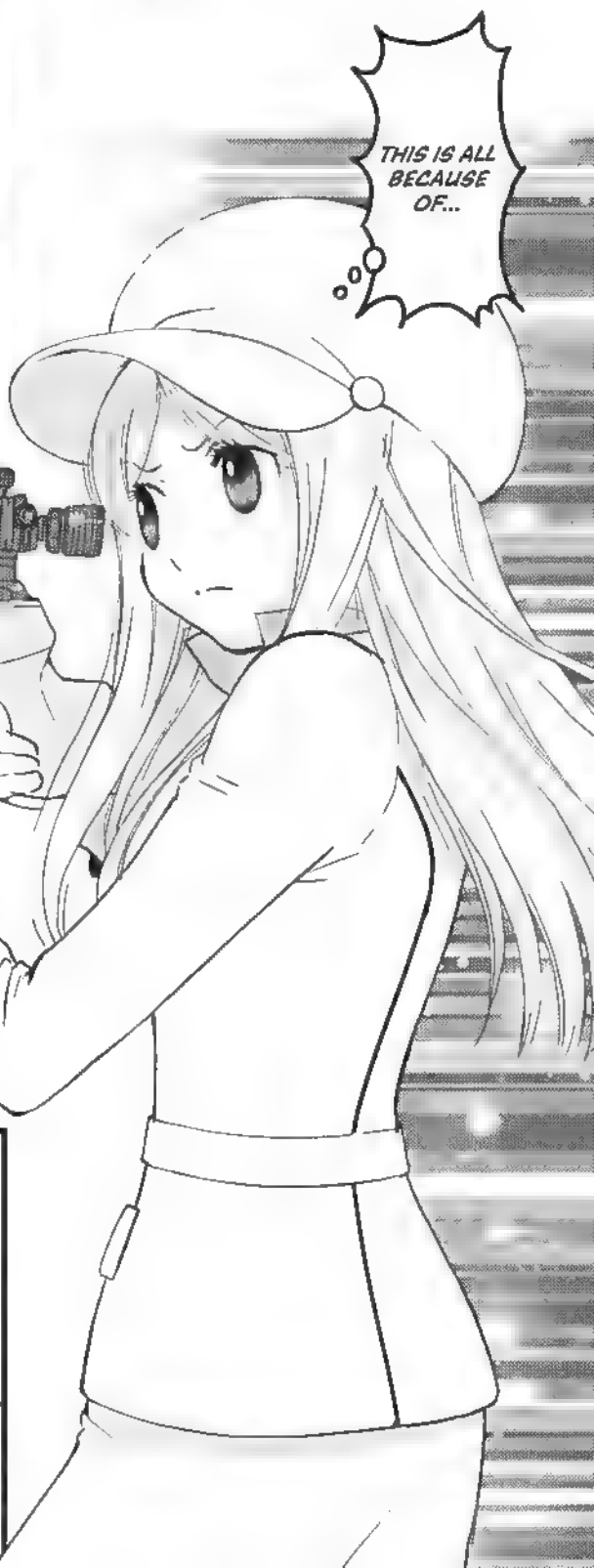


GINKO HAS
BEEN LOCKED
UP IN THE BEAR
WORLD THAT
HER MOTHER
CREATED.



MUST TAKE
AFTER HER
MOTHER'S.

GINKO'S
SCENT...





I-I WAS
JUST SUR-
PRISED...

YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
FREAKED OUT
WHEN WE
FIRST SAW HER
SHOOTING IT!



AH
HA
HA!

ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
AFRAID OF A
BEAM RIFLE?

EVEN
THOUGH
WE'RE
BEARS...

JUST
DON'T SHOOT
ME AND
GINKO,
OKAY?



THAT
WE WOULD
ACCEPT THE
WORLD THAT
GINKO SEES
AS REALITY.

LULU AND I
PROMISED
EACH
OTHER...

LULU AND I
WILL NEVER
TURN OUR
BACKS ON
GINKO.

BUT EVEN IF
EVERY PERSON
IN THE WORLD
REJECTS HER...

WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
HOW TO SAVE
HER HEART...

I FEEL
LIKE A THIRD
WHEEL...

**BUT THAT
MAY BE
HARDER
THAN WE
EXPECTED...**

I CAN'T
SEE MY BEAR
FORM!

WELL...

WHY
ARE YOU
COSPLAYING
AS A BEAR
WHEN YOU'RE
ALREADY
ONE?

THERE'S NO
HELPING THAT,
SINCE YOU'RE NOT
BEAR ROYALTY
LIKE I AM.

LIKE I SAID,
YOU TOLD
ME WHEN
WE WERE
LITTLE!

ANYWAY,
I HAD NO
IDEA YOU
KNEW ABOUT
THE BEARS'
SECRET.

NOW THE
SECRET
BELONGS TO
ALL THREE OF
US!

SHE'S ABLE
TO MATCH
GINKO PACE
FOR PACE.

LULU IS
AMAZING.

I CAN'T
BECOME
A BEAR
PRINCESS...

BUT IF I
PRACTICE
THEN MAYBE
I'LL BE ABLE
TO LOOK LIKE
A WONDERFUL
BEAR!

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU CALL
PRACTICING
TO BE A
BEAR? THAT
DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
SENSE!





I WANT A
GUIDEBOOK...

WHAT
ARE THE
STANDARDS
IN HER
WORLD?

LIBRARY



I'M GOING
TO BORROW
THIS ONE!

EVERYTHING'S
SO COMPLICATED
THAT I'M NOT
SURE WHERE TO
START READING...

ARE YOU
REALLY
GOING TO
READ IT?

THAT
BOOK
LOOKS
HARD TO
UNDER-
STAND.



SHE'S
INNOCENT
AND STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
IN HER LOVE
FOR GINKO.
ALTHOUGH...

LULU IS
AMAZING.

MAYBE
SOMETIMES
SHE'S TOO
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD.

?



HMM?

GINKO,
WHEN'S
YOUR
BIRTHDAY?



KUREHA.



MOM...



MOMMY...



I BAKED
AN APPLE
PIE.

WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?



IS THERE
SOMETHING I
CAN DO FOR
GINKO?

HEY,
MOM...



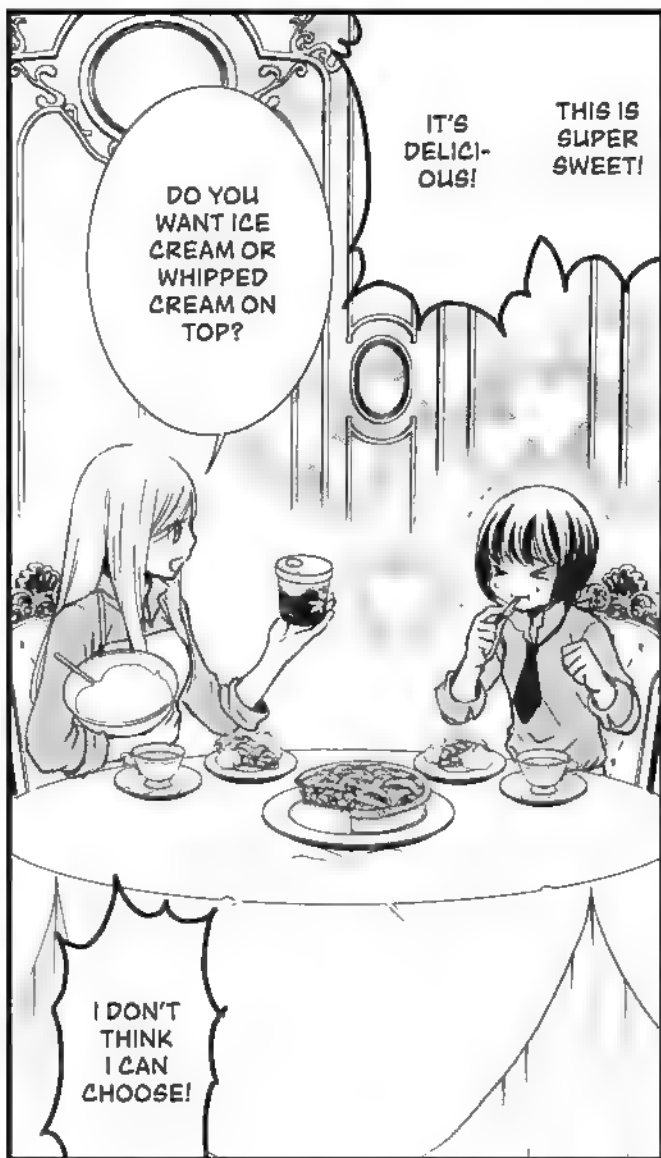
THEN YOU
CAN HAVE
BOTH!

どわ
PERK



KUREHA,
YOU'RE SO
GOOD AT
BAKING.

YUM,
YUM!

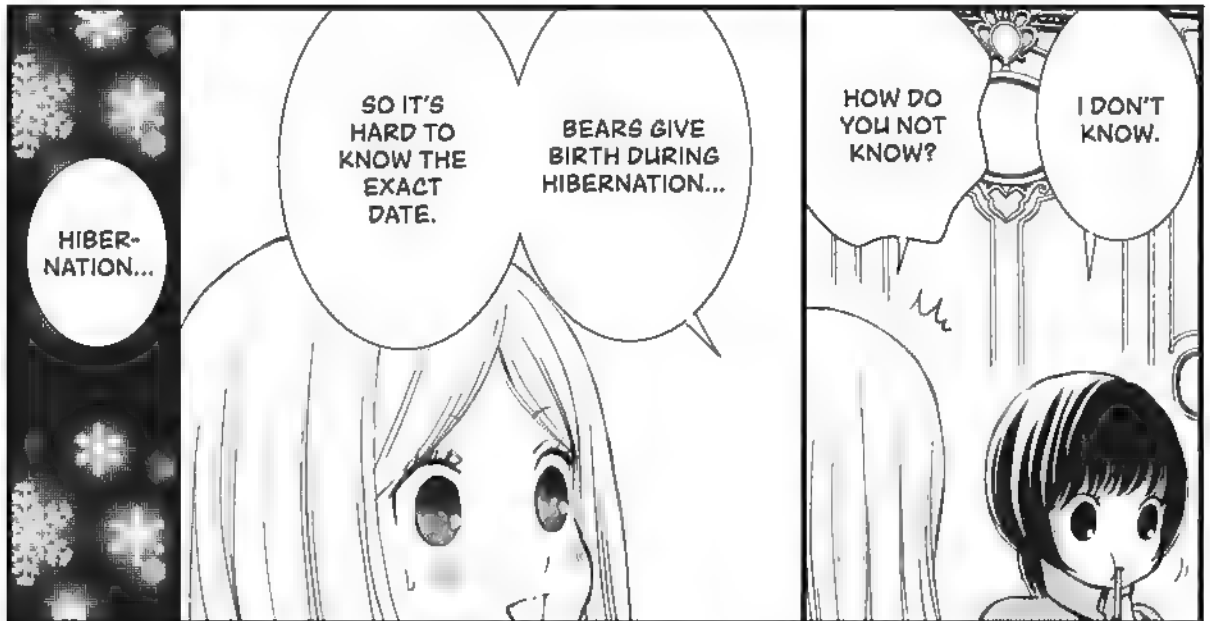
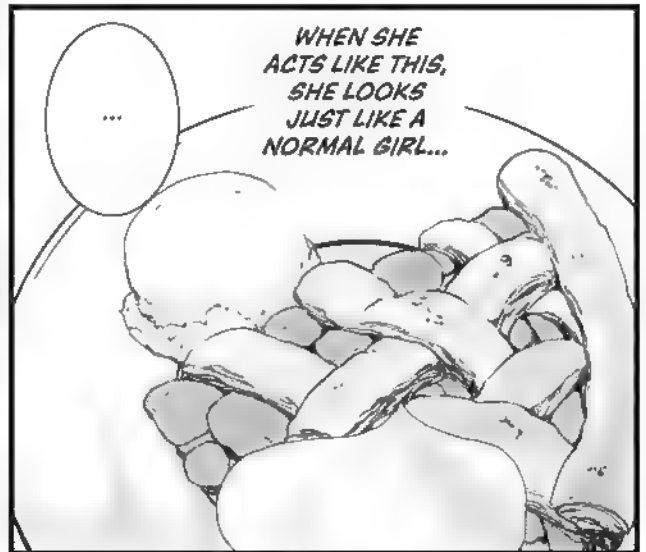


DO YOU
WANT ICE
CREAM OR
WHIPPED
CREAM ON
TOP?

IT'S
DELICIOUS!

THIS IS
SUPER
SWEET!

I DON'T
THINK
I CAN
CHOOSE!







IF YOU
INSIST...

ALL RIGHT.
GO AHEAD.



YEAH,
THEY'RE
NOT!

THAT'S
NOT TRUE!

TH-THOSE
ARE
RIDICULOUS
REASONS!



JUST
DON'T
REGRET
OPENING
IT, OKAY?

IT'S BEEN
LEFT THE
WAY IT
WAS SINCE
BEFORE I
WAS BORN.

NO
ONE HAS
ENTERED
THAT ROOM
IN TWENTY
YEARS.



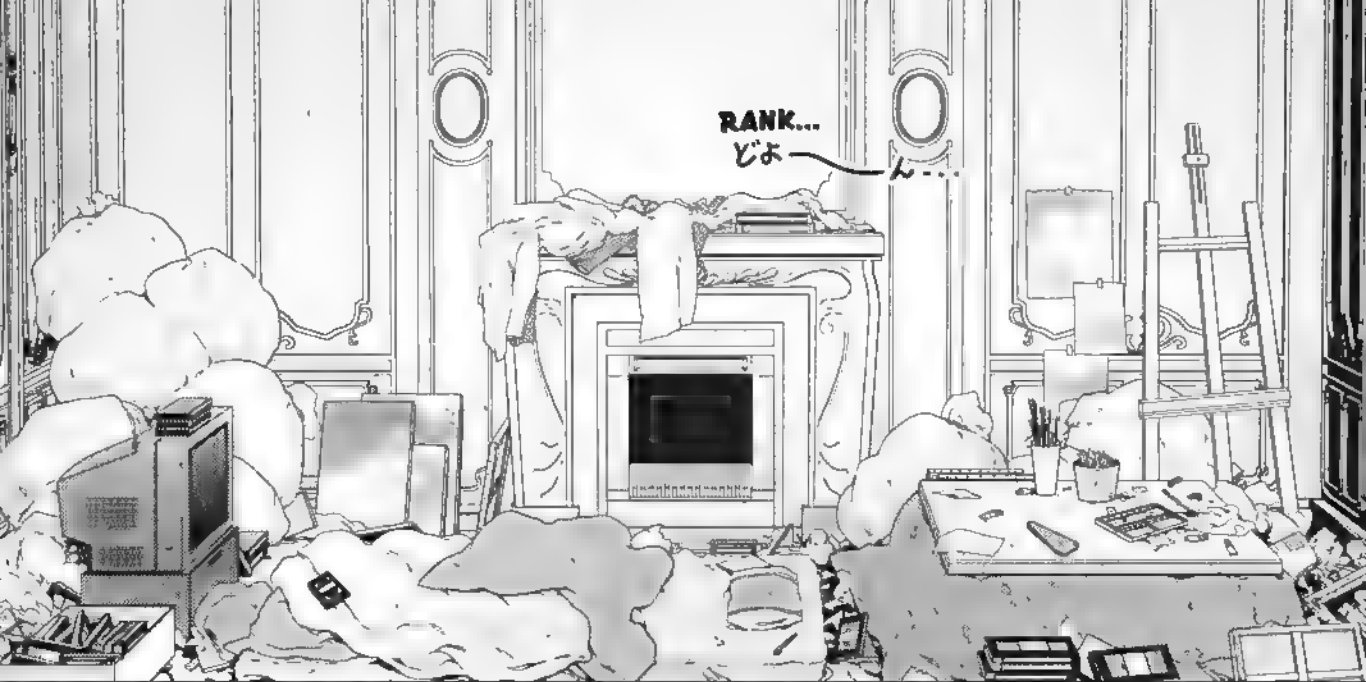
OKAY!

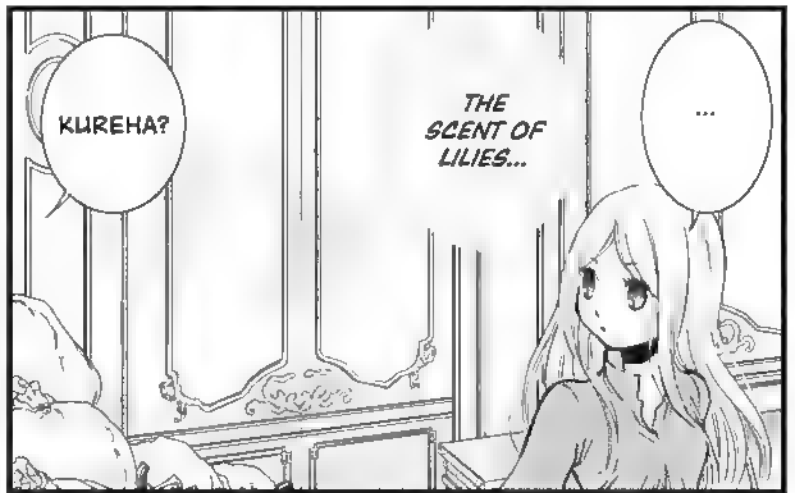
GOT IT!



TWENTY
YEARS...

WHY SO
LONG?









IT'S MY MOM.

THAT'S NOT ME...

NO...



ARE THESE PICTURES OF YOU?

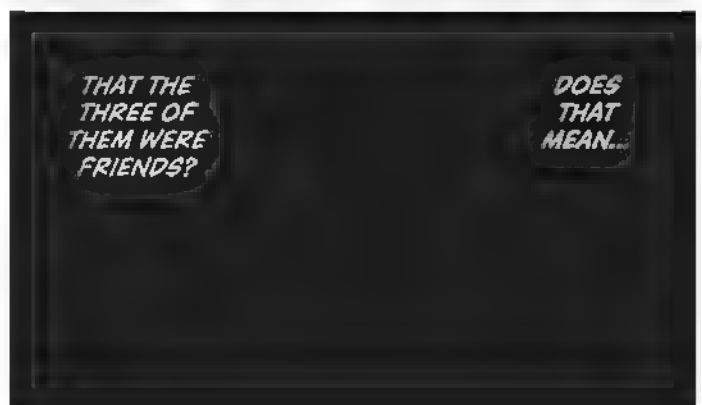


THEY'RE SO CUTE AND YOUNG!

IS THAT YURIIKA WITH HER?

OH! THAT'S MY MAMA!

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WENT TO OUR SCHOOL!



THAT THE THREE OF THEM WERE FRIENDS?

DOES THAT MEAN...

WHAT'S
WRONG?

HEY,
KUREHA.



ONE
DAY, I PLAN ON
ASKING THEM
FOR A STRAIGHT
ANSWER... EVEN
IF THE TRUTH
IS HARD TO
SWALLOW.



PANG

THIS IS...



WHY DID
MOMMY
DIE?

THE
QUESTION
THAT NO
ONE WOULD
ANSWER
FOR ME...

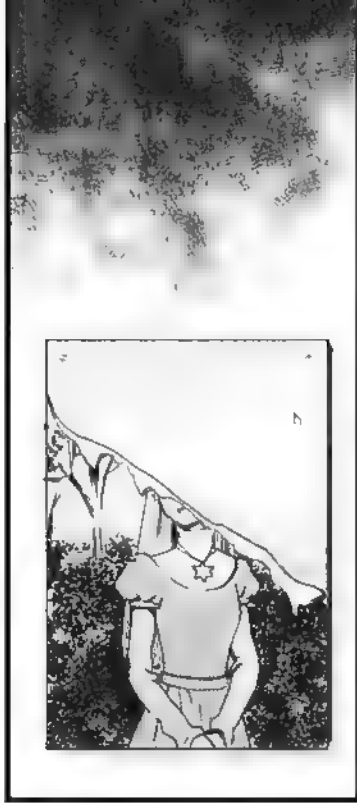


WHEN I
TALKED
WITH
GINKO...

SHE SAID
THAT IN THE
PAST, SHE
ATE THE
GIRL SHE
LOVED.







I HAD NO
IDEA THAT
MAMA...

KUREHA'S
MOM, AND
YURIKA
WERE ALL
FRIENDS.



"AND
I ATE
HER."

"WHEN I
WAS YOUNGER,
I FELL IN LOVE
WITH A HUMAN
GIRL, TOO."

AH!



WAIT A
MINUTE...



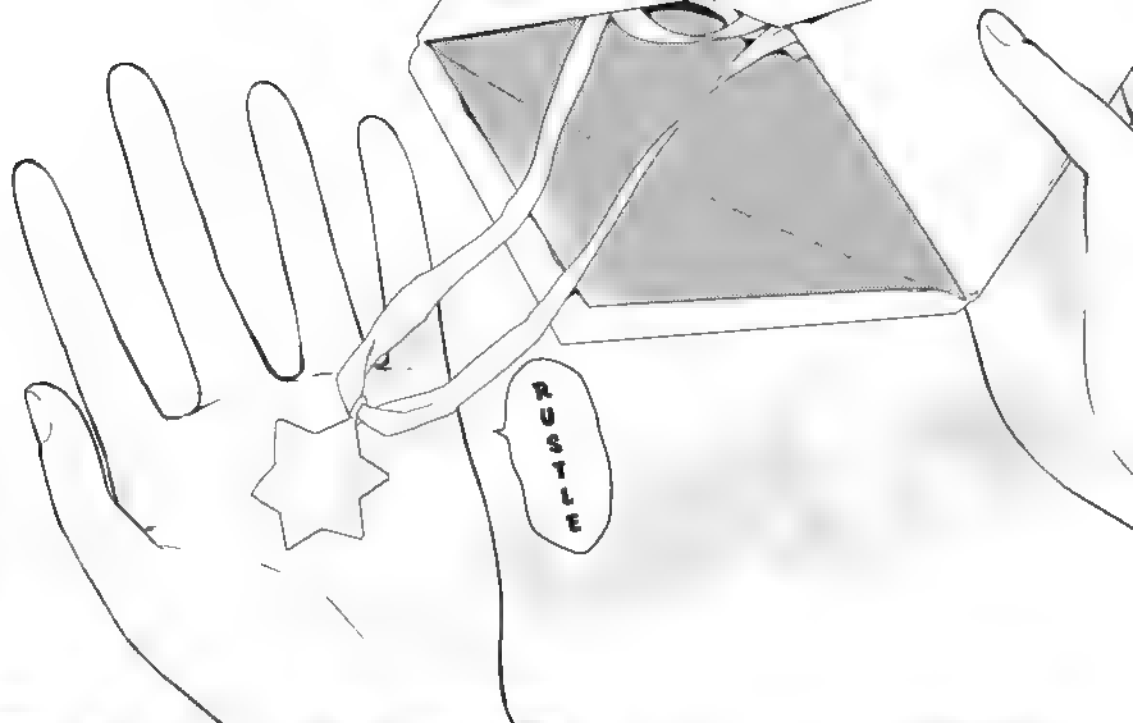
IS IT A
SECRET
STASH OF
CASH?



AN
ENVE-
LOPE...



THERE'S
SOMETHING
BEHIND THE
PHOTO!





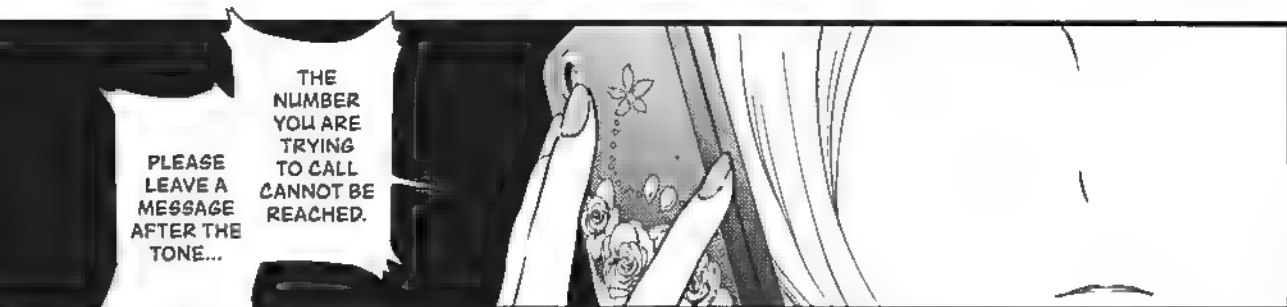


THAT
BEGAN AND
ENDED IN THE
MIDDLE OF
A FOREST.

BETWEEN
A BEAR
AND A
HUMAN...

THERE
WAS A
BEAUTIFUL
AND SAD
LOVE
STORY...

LONG,
LONG
AGO...



PLEASE
LEAVE A
MESSAGE
AFTER THE
TONE...

THE
NUMBER
YOU ARE
TRYING
TO CALL
CANNOT BE
REACHED.



MISS
YURIKA.

YOU MAY
BE A SHUT-
IN, BUT AT
LEAST PICK
UP THE
PHONE!

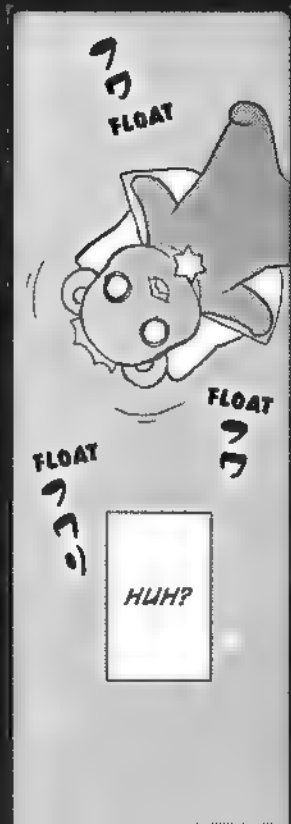


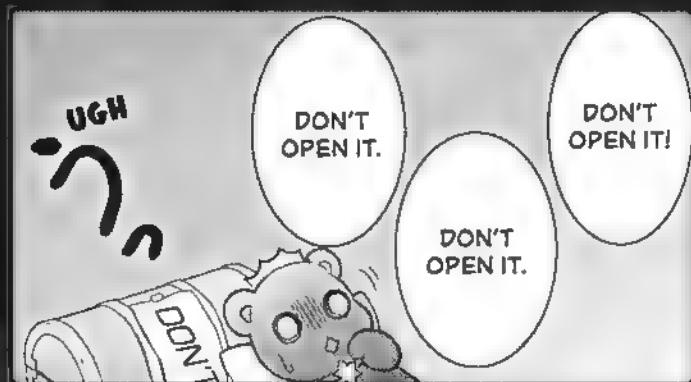
ARE YOU
GOING ON
A TRIP?

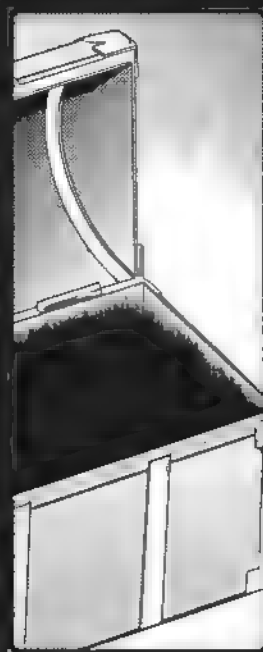
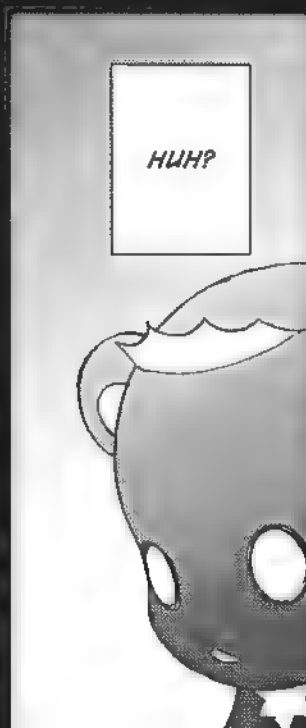
KATYUSHA,
GET MY
SUITCASE
OUT.



I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
CALL HER
FOR OVER A
WEEK, AND
SHE STILL
HASN'T
PICKED
UP!









SO
I ATE
HER.

I LOVED
HER...

WE'RE
CRIMINAL
BEARS.

U
W
A
A
A
H
!

GINKO!

GASP



YOU WERE ASLEEP FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS.

WE WERE WORRIED.



PHEW

THANK GOOD-NESS!

YOU FINALLY WOKE UP!



I THOUGHT YOU'D STAY IN HIBERNATION FOREVER!

LULU...

WAAAH!

I'M... BACK TO THE CURRENT ME.



YURIKA...

THREE DAYS...?



BY THE WAY...

WHAT?!



LIKE HOW WE PLAYED TOGETHER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

I REMEMBER EVERYTHING NOW...

YOU WERE MY ONLY FRIEND.



WHY ARE
YOU IN MY
ROOM?



KUREHA
TSUBAKI.
WE'RE IN
THE SAME
CLASS.

I REMEMBER
HER.



IT'S
KUREHA!
DID YOU
FORGET
HER?

HUH?



YOU
AND I ARE
NOTHING BUT
STRANGERS.



WE'RE
CLASS-
MATES.
THAT'S
ALL.

I'M
YOUR
FRIEND,
GINKO...



✕
〇
〃
GLARE



OH, HI
GINKO! I
HAVEN'T
SEEN
YOU IN A
WHILE.

WHY
WERE YOU
OUT...?



GOOD
MORN-
ING!

MORNING!

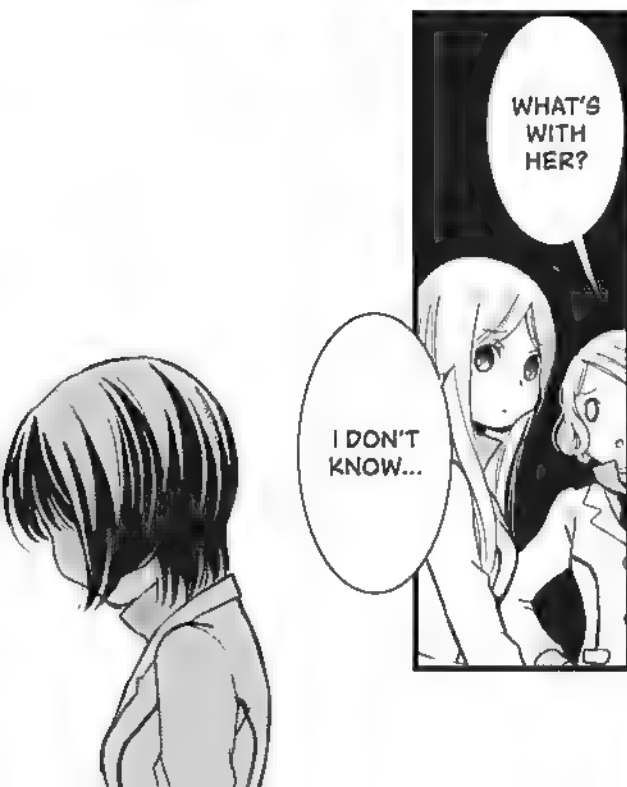


...YEAH.

G-GOOD
MORN-
ING...



〽
〽
〽
JOLT



WHAT'S
WITH
HER?

I DON'T
KNOW...



DO WHA-
EVER
YOU
LIKE.

I'M NOT
INTER-
ESTED.

GINKO,
ABOUT THE
SCHOOL
FESTIVAL.
TODAY AFTER
SCHOOL,
CAN YOU—



I'LL GIVE
YOU UNTIL
SUNDAY, SO
PACK YOUR
BAGS...

AND GET
OUT OF MY
HOUSE.



KUREHA.

YES?!

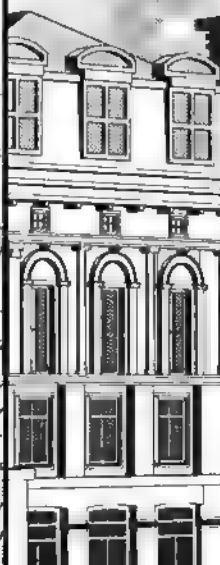


FWAP



NO
WAY!

YOU
WANT
ME...
OUT?



YOU'RE
MY FRIEND,
LULU, SO
YOU CAN
STAY.



YOU
REALLY
THINK
SO?



YOU
MUST HAVE
HIT YOUR
HEAD WHEN
YOU FAINTED.
YOU'RE ALL
WEIRD NOW!

YOU'VE
CHANGED
TOO MUCH,
GINKO!

WAAAAH!

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YURIIKA SAYS.
I'M GETTING
RID OF ALL
OF THIS.

KA-THUNK

ドン



YEAH.
YOU'RE
JUST
LIKE YOU
WERE...

WHEN
YOU WERE
LITTLE...



DIDN'T I
SAY THAT
I REMEM-
BERED
EVERY-
THING?



I FORCED
MYSELF TO
LAUGH AND ACT
"NORMAL"...

BUT
NOW I'M
BACK TO
THE REAL
ME.



I WAS
LOCKED AWAY
IN THE BEAR
WORLD THAT
MY MAMA
CREATED.



SO
SHE CAN
GO BACK
TO THE
DORMS.

PACKING
HER
BAGS...

...WHAT'S
SHE DOING
RIGHT
NOW?

*SHE'S
PROBABLY
CRYING.*



DO YOU
REALLY HAVE
TO STOP BEING
FRIENDS WITH
KUREHA,
THOUGH?



!



SMILE
/u/

RIGHT?

I'LL
HAVE SOME
MOVERS PICK
UP THE BOXES
LATER.

EVEN
THOUGH
I TOLD
HER SHE
HAD UNTIL
SUNDAY...

THANKS
FOR
LETTING
ME STAY
HERE.

BOW
/u/



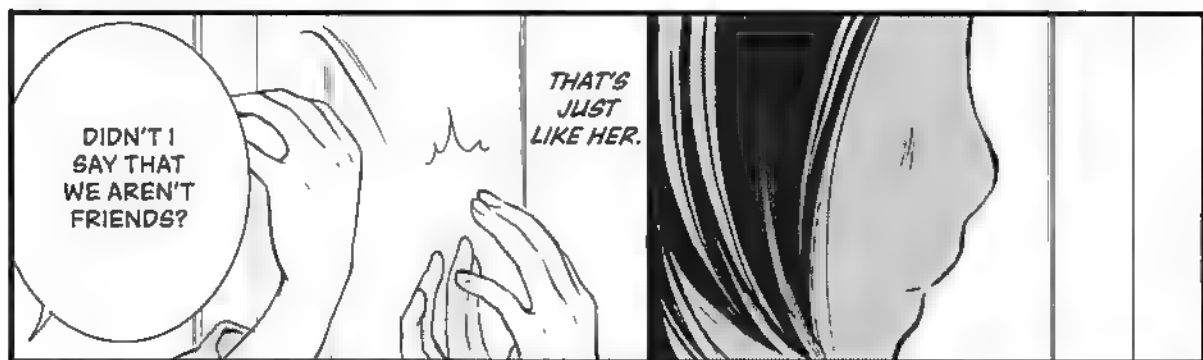
THAT
WAS
QUICK.



I BELIEVE
THAT I'M YOUR
FRIEND, NO
MATTER WHERE
YOU ARE.

WHERE
WE LIVE
DOESN'T
MATTER.

I'LL
ALWAYS
BE WITH
YOU.



DIDN'T I
SAY THAT
WE AREN'T
FRIENDS?

THAT'S
JUST
LIKE HER.



I'VE
KNOWN IT
FOR QUITE
A WHILE.

WHAT?!

THAT I
COULDN'T
BE FRIENDS
WITH YOU.

ACTUALLY,
I ALSO
REALIZED...

WERE
WE EVEN
FRIENDS
TO BEGIN
WITH?

WE
CAN'T GO
BACK.



BECAUSE...

WE'RE
NOT...

FRIENDS.

I LOVE
YOU.

WE
CAN'T GO
BACK.



WHEN
SOMEONE
ACCEPTS
ANOTHER
PERSON'S LOVE
FOR THEM, A
STAR IS BORN.

THIS IS A
"FRAGMENT
OF LOVE."

THAT'S
RIGHT. I'VE
REMEMBERED
EVERYTHING.

THAT'S RIGHT.
A STAR THAT
SHINES BRIGHT
AND TWINKLES
IN THE SKY.

A STAR!

SHE'S SO
PRETTY.

SOFT
HAIR THAT
SMELLED
SO NICE...

ELEGANT
FINGERS
PLAYING THE
PIANO, PALE
AS SNOW...

A KIND
SMILE...
AND
SOFT
EYES...



*WHEN YOU
FIND THE ONE
YOU LOVE, TAKE
VERY GOOD
CARE OF
THEM.*

REIA... I
REMEMBER
EVERYTHING
NOW.

Chapter

11

ONTO
THE
FOREST...

AND ITS
LIGHT
SHINES
DOWN...

MY LOVE
BECOMES
A STAR...

HER SINGING
VOICE WAS
CLEAR AND
SEEMED TO
SPARKLE AS IT
RANG OUT...



I'VE GIVEN
UP ON MY
LOVE FOR
KUREHA.

MY LOVE
CAN'T
REACH HER.
IT NEVER
WILL.

I'M SORRY,
REIA. I
COULDN'T
KEEP MY
PROMISE.

THUD



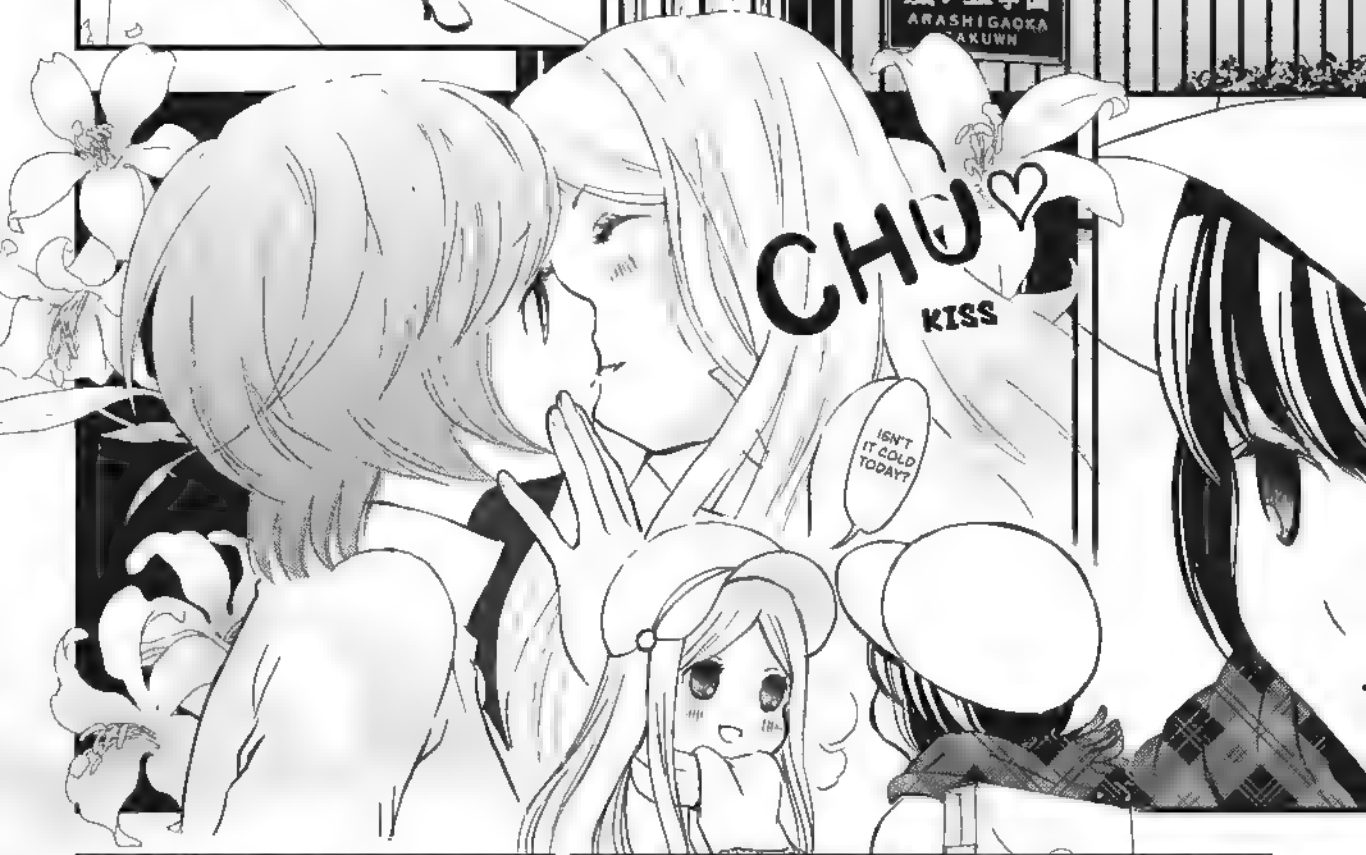


GINKO,
GOOD
MORNING!

WE
SHOULDN'T
BE ALLOWED
TO SPEND
TIME WITH
YOU AND
KUREHA.

MY MAMA
AND I ARE A
FAMILY OF
BEARS THAT
HAS BEEN
TRAPPED IN
A FOREST
OF SIN.

嵐が丘学園
ARASHIGAOKA
GAKUEN



CHU♡
KISS

ISN'T
IT COLD
TODAY?



YOU LOOK
FLUSHED.

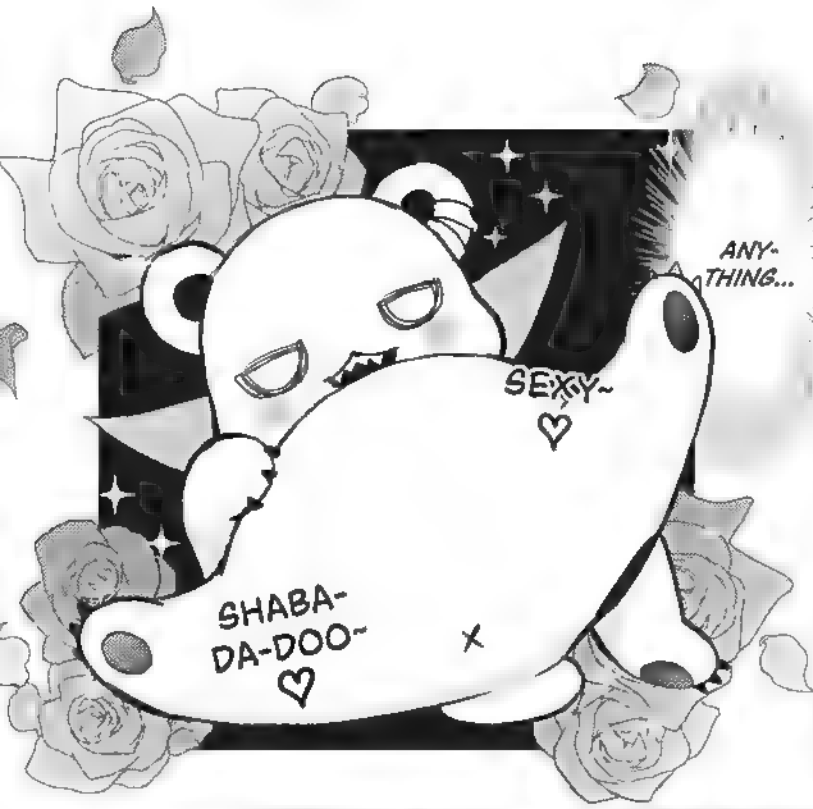
GOOD
MORNING,
GINKO.



AH.

DASH

I CAN'T
LET MYSELF
REMEMBER
THAT KISS!



ANY-
THING...

WERE YOU
UNABLE TO
HANDLE MY
SEXINESS?

I HAVE TO
THINK OF
SOMETHING
ELSE!
ANYTHING!



SORRY,
BUT
THANKS
FOR THE
HELP.

7 SIGH



PFFT 7%
..%



WAIT!
GINKO!

SPARKLE

キラキラマ

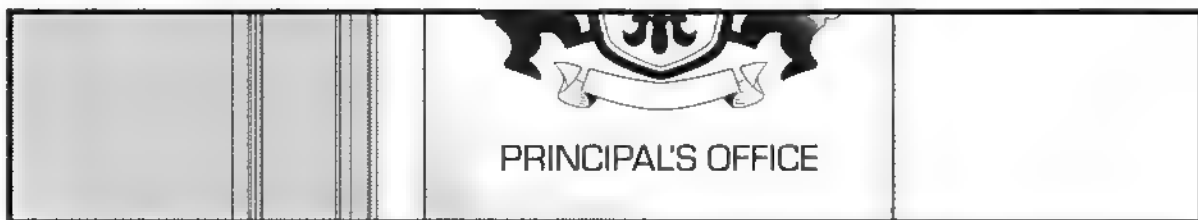
SPARKLE }

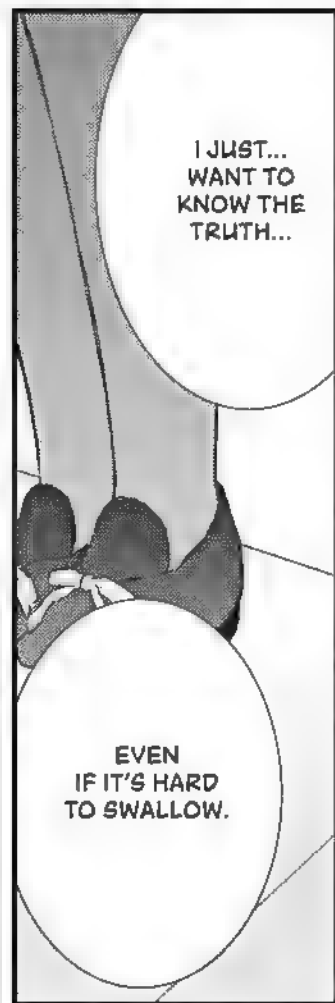
WHAT A
REFRESHING
MORNING!

GUILTY
AS CHARGED.
SHALL I
SUE HER?

OR DID
SHE JUST
USE ME
IN SOME
WAY?

IS IT
JUST
ME...

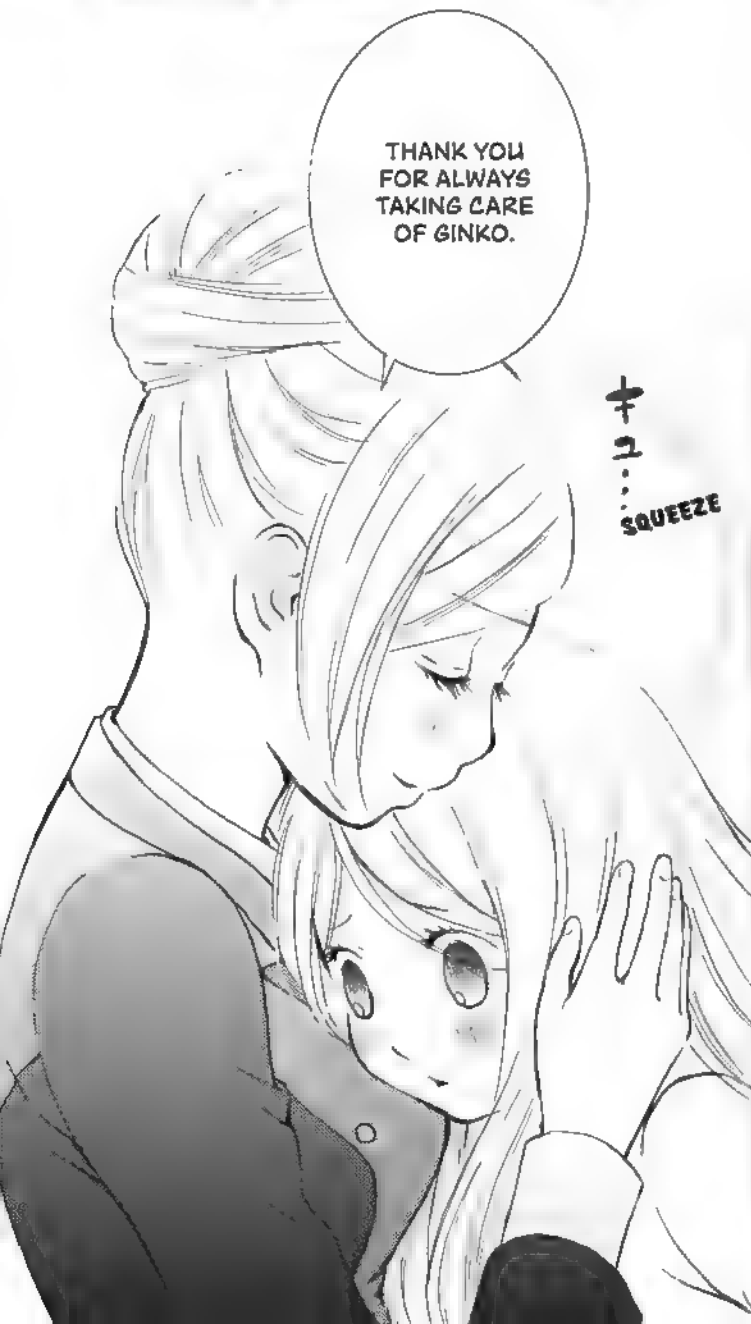






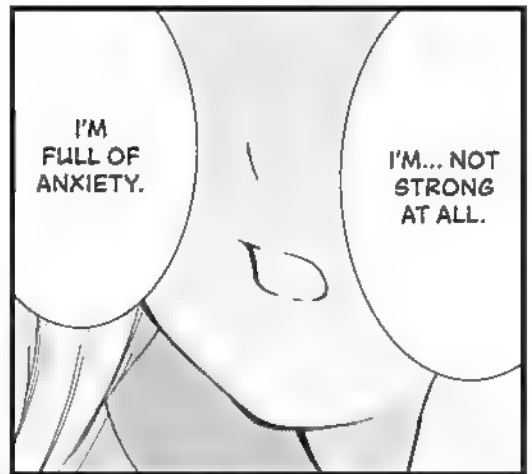
JUST
LIKE
REIA.

YOU'RE
KIND,
STRONG,
AND
STRAIGHT
TO THE
POINT.



THANK YOU
FOR ALWAYS
TAKING CARE
OF GINKO.

≠
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...
SQUEEZE



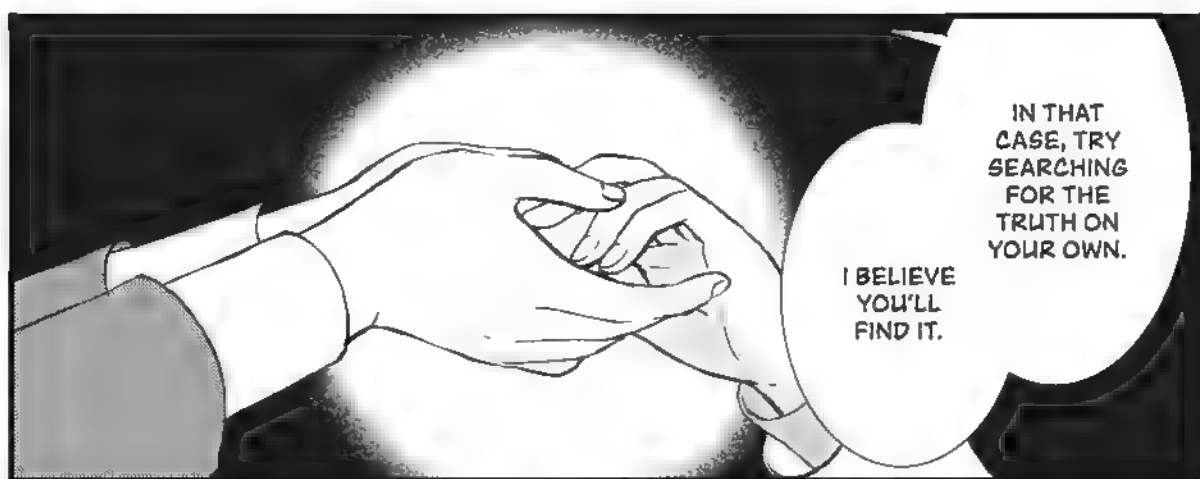
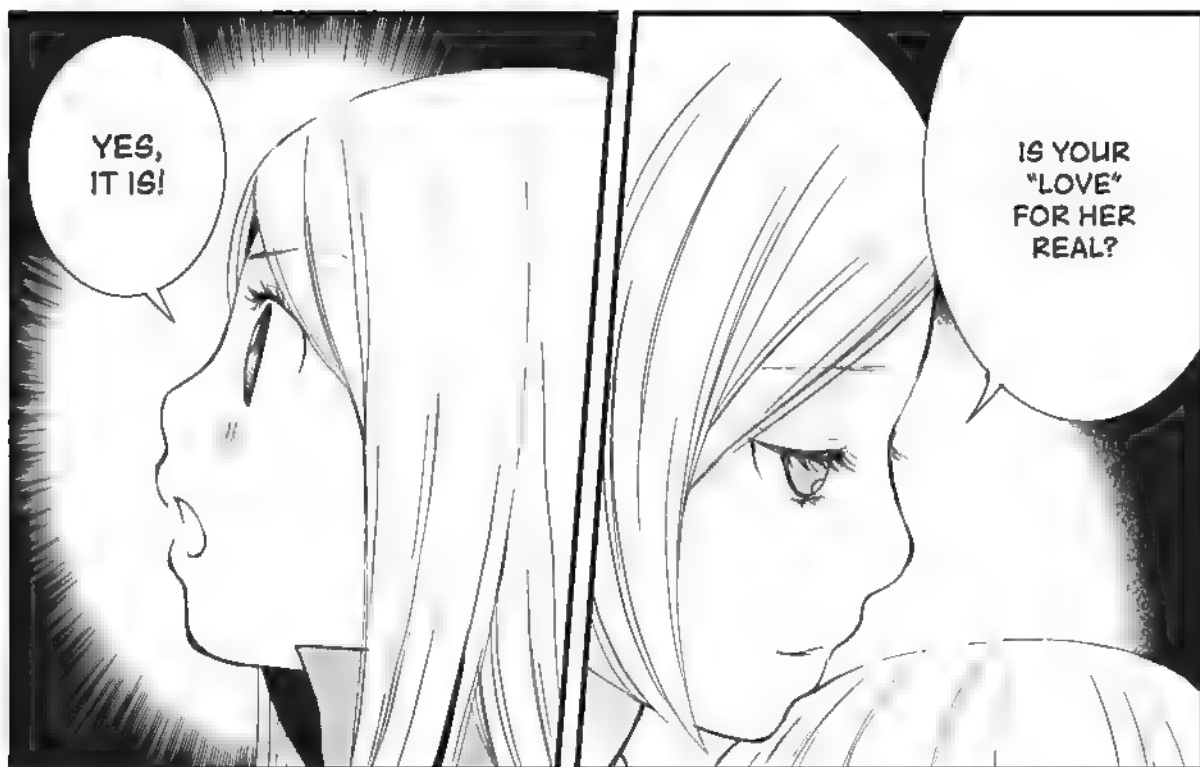
I'M
FULL OF
ANXIETY.

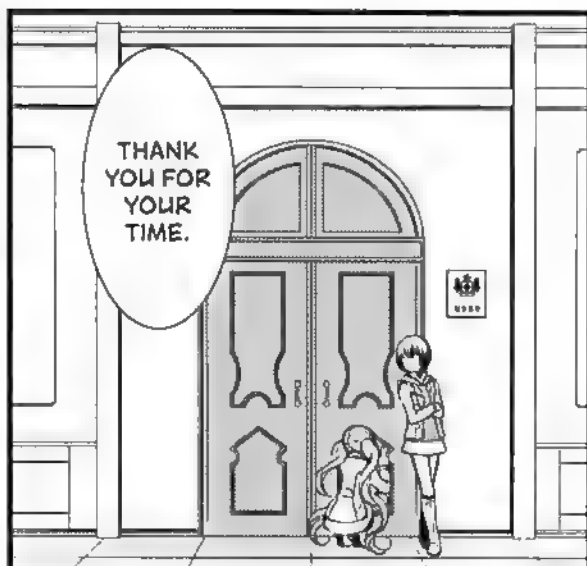
I'M... NOT
STRONG
AT ALL.



THAT'S
WHY I WANT
TO KNOW
FOR SURE
WHAT REALLY
HAPPENED...

AH!







MOST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COULD NEVER INVESTIGATE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

YOU SEEM TO BE IN A BAD MOOD.

KATYUSHA, TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THESE DOCUMENTS.



PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

FOR A GIRL TO LOVE ANOTHER GIRL...

IT'S BETTER FOR HER TO GIVE UP AND FORGET WHAT HAPPENED.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I DON'T WANT HER TO BECOME LIKE ME.

THE FACT THAT HER LOVE IS REAL IS EXACTLY WHAT MAKES THIS SO SAD.

NO, I'M NOT.

ARE YOU SAYING... SHE DOESN'T REALLY LOVE GINKO?



I WAS
THE ONLY
ONE LEFT
BEHIND...

BOTH
REIA AND
GINKO'S
MOTHER...

ENDED
UP GETTING
MARRIED TO
MEN AND
HAVING
KIDS.



IT CAN'T
DISAPPEAR
OR SHINE
BRIGHT LIKE
A STAR.

IT JUST
CONTINUES
TO BE
KNOCKED
AROUND IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
STORM.



ISN'T IT SAD
WHEN THAT
LOVE ISN'T
ACCEPTED?



WHEN
SOMEONE
ACCEPTS
ANOTHER
PERSON'S
LOVE FOR
THEM, A
STAR IS
BORN.

HEY,
REIA...

I THOUGHT
YURIKA
MIGHT KNOW
IF I ASKED
HER, BUT...

TRY
SEARCHING
FOR THE
TRUTH ON
YOUR OWN.

1 2
SIGH

MAYBE
SHE'S
RELATED TO
MY MOM'S
DEATH
SOMEHOW...

I WONDER
WHAT
BINKO'S
MOM IS
LIKE.

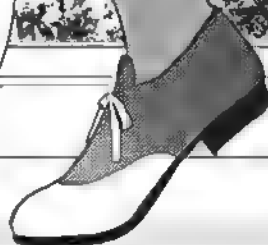


I KNOW!
A BEAR...

GASP

I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHERE TO
START.

EVEN IF
SHE SAYS
THAT...



THUMP

A BEAR?

LEAN

WAH!









IT WASN'T A STORE. IT WAS AT MY FRIEND'S HOUSE.

WHAT STORE DID YOU SEE IT IN?

IT CERTAINLY IS INTERESTING. CREEPY, BUT CUTE.



IT LOOKS LIKE MY BEAR BUDDIES ONLINE DON'T RECOGNIZE IT, EITHER.



OR REALISTIC, LIKE THE WOOD CARVING I HAVE.

I KNOW. MOST TEDDY BEARS ARE MADE TO BE CUTE.



IT HAS A VERY UNIQUE FACE SO I DON'T THINK I'D FORGET IT IF I'D SEEN IT BEFORE.



I FEEL
LIKE THAT
MAY BE
A HINT...



I WONDER
WHY THEY
LOOK THE
SAME...

LOOKS
JUST
LIKE THE
BEAR THAT
APPEARED
IN MY
DREAMS.

THE
TEDDY
BEAR
GINKO
OWNS...



IT'S A
BEAR THAT
MY MOM HAD
SPECIALLY
MADE FOR
ME!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

SLAM

IT'S
CLAMPED



AH!

THEN
IT MAY
NOT BE
POSSIBLE
TO FIND IT
AGAIN...

MAYBE IT'S
AN ORIGINAL,
MADE BY
HAND.

パ
ン
パ
ン
THUD



SHABA-
DA-DOO-

I GUESS I'LL
GIVE THEM TO
SEXY STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT
INSTEAD.

WAIT, WHY
WOULD YOU
DO THAT?



WHAT A
WASTE.

BUT
THEY'RE
STILL
WARM...



HUH?
YOU
DON'T
WANT
THEM?!

WHY
WOULD I?



HERE,
GINKO!
THESE ARE
THE TIGHTS
KUREHA
THREW
AWAY!

DON'T
PICK UP
TRASH.



LIKE A
PICTURE
BOOK OR
FAIRY
TALE.

MAYBE
WE CAN
FIND THE
ORIGINAL
DESIGN FOR
THE BEAR...

WHY DON'T
WE CHECK
OUT THE
LIBRARY?



IT'S
OKAY. I'M IN
LOVE, SO I
DON'T MIND
HELPING
OUT.

OH... I CAN
DO THE REST
BY MYSELF...



LET'S TRY
LOOKING!

THAT'S A
GOOD
IDEA.

MY MOM, YURIIKA,
AND GINKO'S MOM
ALL GRADUATED
FROM HERE, SO
THERE'S A SLIGHT
CHANCE I'LL FIND
SOMETHING.



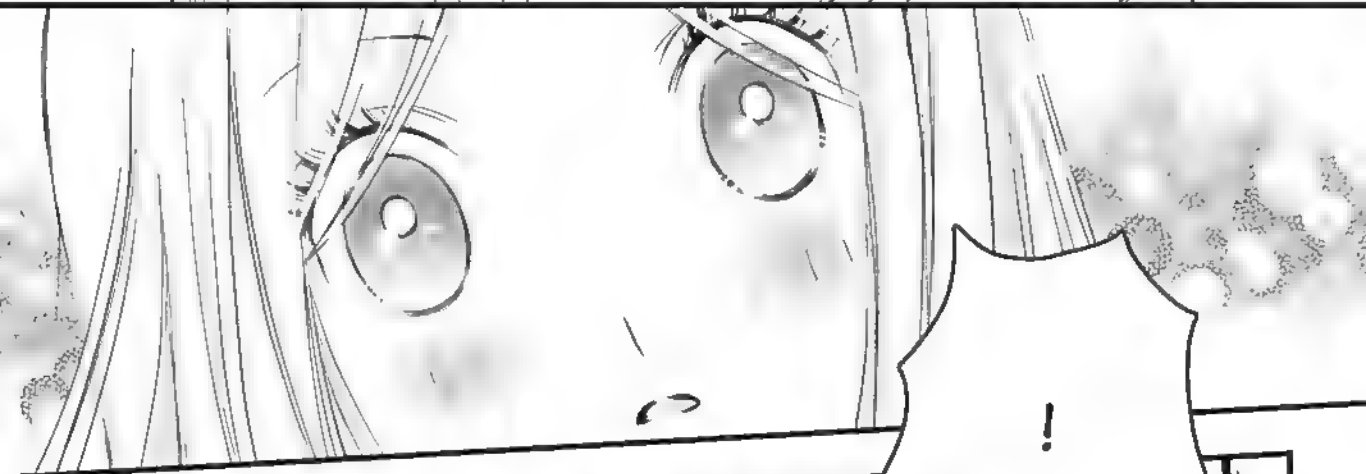
WITH
YOU!

IN
LOVE...?

WITH
THE
BEARS?

SHAKE
7 IV
SHAKE
7 IV







I TRIED TO
GIVE UP ON
MY LOVE FOR
YOU MANY
TIMES, BUT...

IT'S WHY
I'VE BEEN
UNABLE TO
TELL YOU.



SO I KNOW
THAT YOU
LIKE GINKO.

I KNOW. I'VE
ALWAYS BEEN
WATCHING
YOU...



LI-LIM,
I...



I'M GLAD
THAT WE'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO TALK THIS
MUCH!

I'M GLAD
I DIDN'T.



THAT
ISN'T AC-
CEPTED?

BUT WHAT
HAPPENS
TO LOVE...



WHEN
SOMEONE
ACCEPTS
YOUR LOVE,
IT BECOMES
A STAR.



IT'S
ALMOST
LIKE
FATE!

BECAUSE I
LOVE YOU.





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**YURIKUMA
ARASHI**

Yuri Bear Storm







I WAS JUST HUNGRY.

I'M NOT FORCING MYSELF.

IF YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO COME TO SCHOOL.



GINKO...



IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE AN ADULT YET, EITHER.

I WAS JUST A KID BACK THEN.

IS THAT TRUE?

YOU SAY THAT, BUT THE REASON YOU TRANSFERRED HERE IS BECAUSE YOU OVERDID IT AND COULDN'T ATTEND SCHOOL.



I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE SCHOOL.

IT'S MY TURN TO PROTECT IT SINCE MY OLDER BROTHER, YOUR FATHER, PASSED AWAY.

ARASHIGAOKA GAKUEN IS THE PRECIOUS ESTATE THAT HAS BEEN PROTECTED BY THE HAKONAKA FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.



WHAT ABOUT YOU, YURIIKA? WHY DON'T YOU QUIT?

BEING THE PRINCIPAL ISN'T THAT HARD.



BECAUSE
SHE STILL
ONLY LOVES
REIA.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU LOVE HER,
YOUR LOVE
FOR MY MAMA
WILL NEVER BE
REALIZED...



THANKS
FOR THE
SNACKS.

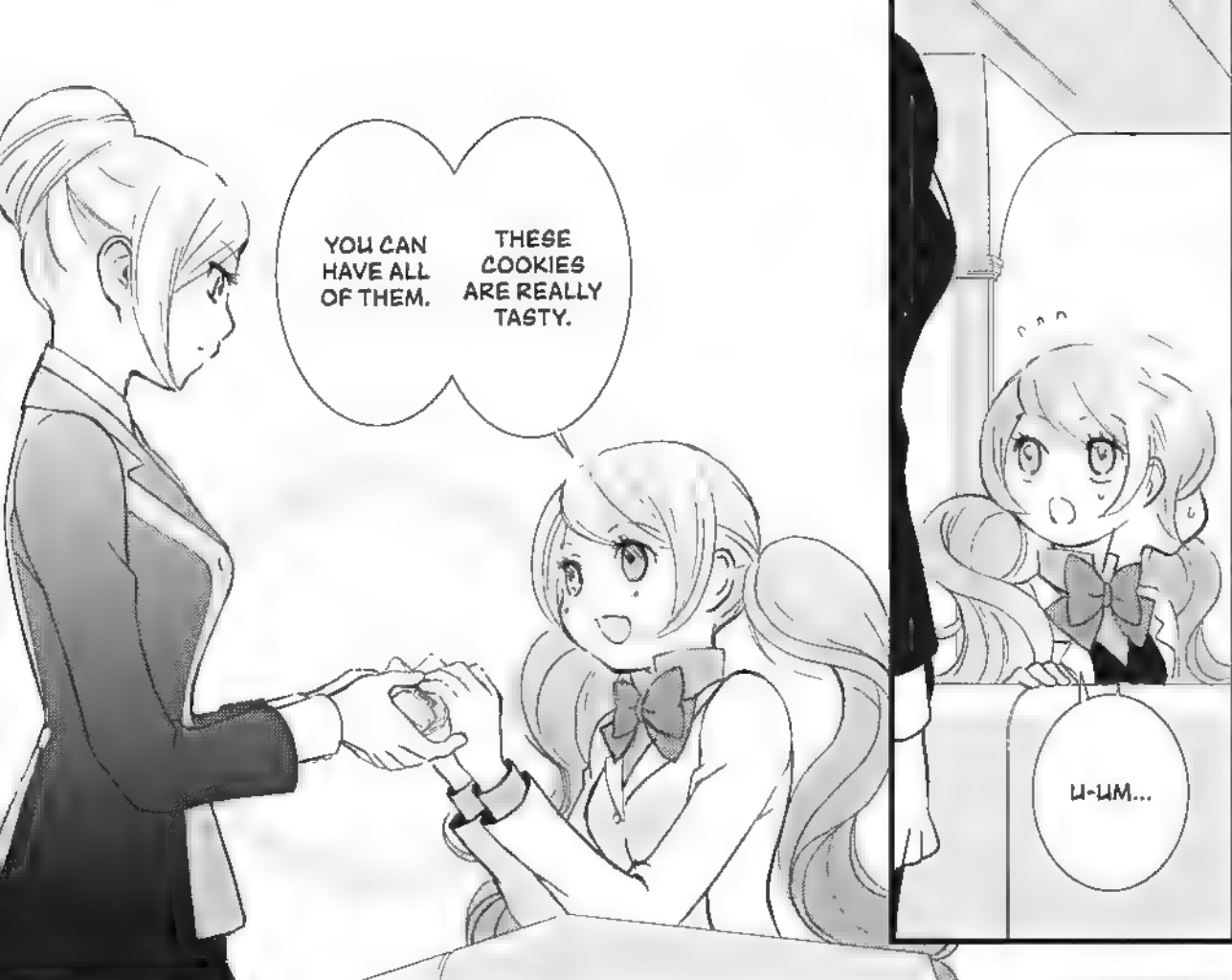
I FEEL
BAD JUST
LOOKING
AT YOU.



BUT SHE'S
LONELY, SO
SHE USES YOUR
FEELINGS FOR
HER AND SUCKS
UP TO YOU.

YOU
SHOULD JUST
FORGET ABOUT
THAT SELFISH
WOMAN AND
BE FREE.





FREE...?

"FORGET
THAT SELFISH
WOMAN AND
BE FREE."

I ALREADY
THREW AWAY
MY LOVE FOR
KUREHA.

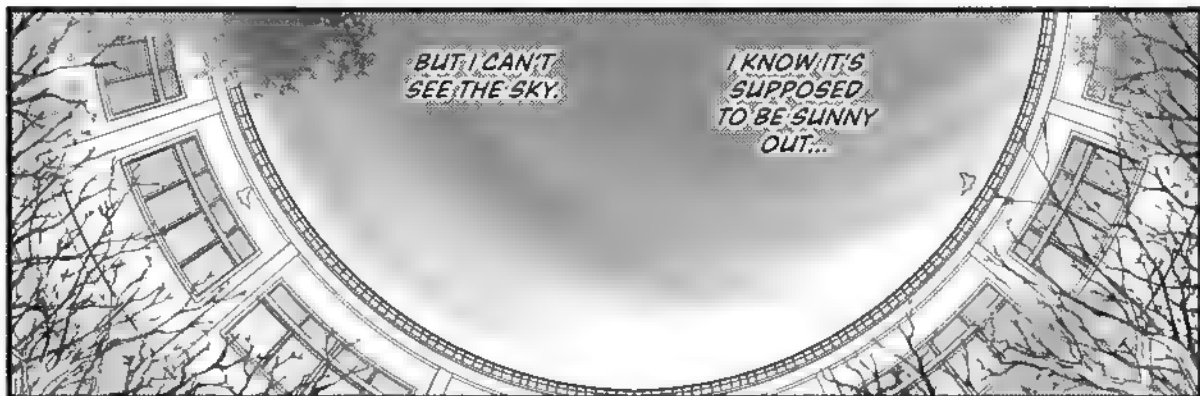
AND I WON'T
BECOME LIKE
YURIIKA!

I WON'T
BECOME LIKE
MY HORRIBLE
MOM...



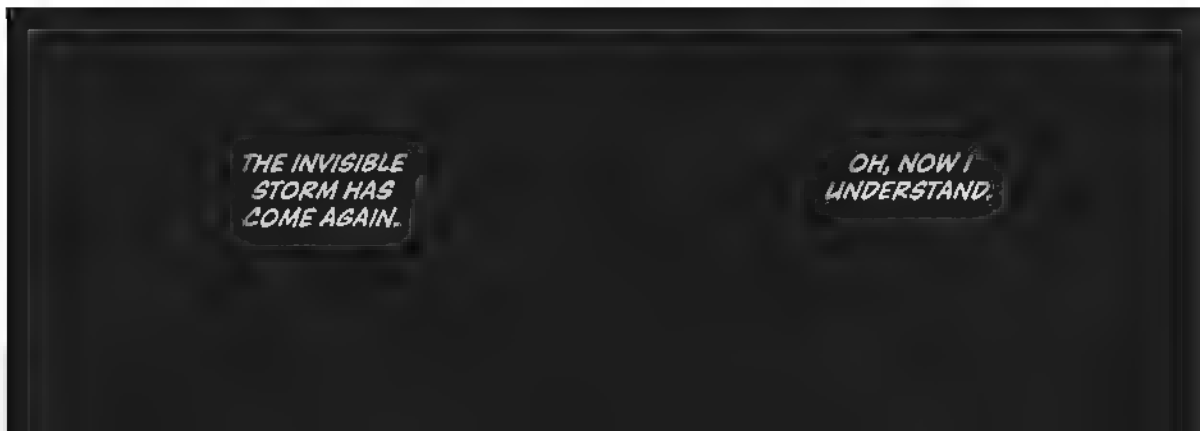
BUT I CAN'T
SEE THE SKY.

I KNOW IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE SUNNY
OUT...



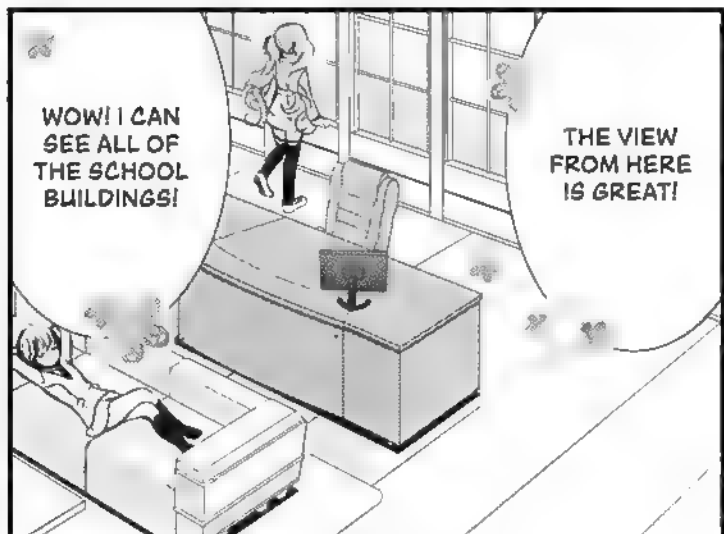
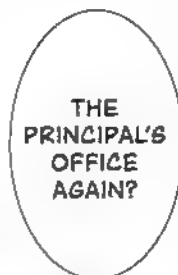
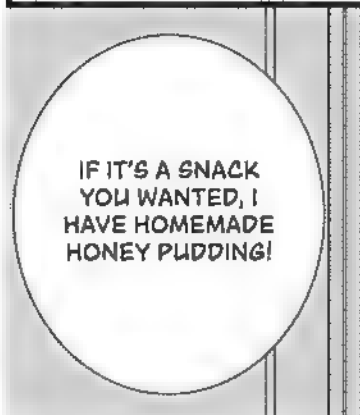
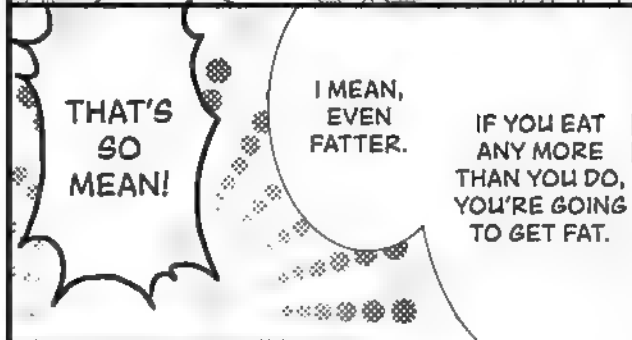
THE INVISIBLE
STORM HAS
COME AGAIN.

OH, NOW I
UNDERSTAND.









HUH?

YURIKA
IS AWAY ON A
BUSINESS TRIP,
SO I CAME HERE
TO TAKE A NAP.

AS IF.

OH, NOW
I GET IT! YOU
WANTED TO
STALK THE
TWO OF THEM
FROM HERE!

WHAT
KUREHA
GETS UP TO
ISN'T MY
BUSINESS
ANYMORE.

BUT
HOW MANY
DAYS DOES
THAT EVEN
MEAN?!

THE
STAFF SAID
THEY WOULD
BE DONE
"SOON"...

THEY'RE
STILL CLOSED?
THEY MUST
BE DOING A
THOROUGH
JOB...

THE LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED FOR A WHILE IN
ORDER TO ORGANIZE
THE COLLECTION.



THAT'S DANGEROUS!

J-JUST CALM DOWN!



RATTLE

MAYBE THERE'S A WINDOW OR SOMETHING THAT ISN'T LOCKED.

KUREHA?!

IF WE CAN GET IN FROM THERE...



S-SORRY...



GASP...



DOES THAT BEAR HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH GINKO?

YOU ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RULES, SO TO THINK YOU'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...



SIGH
ふう...



I GUESS RUSHING DOESN'T REALLY HELP MATTERS.



OH, SORRY.
IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT IT,
THAT'S FINE.

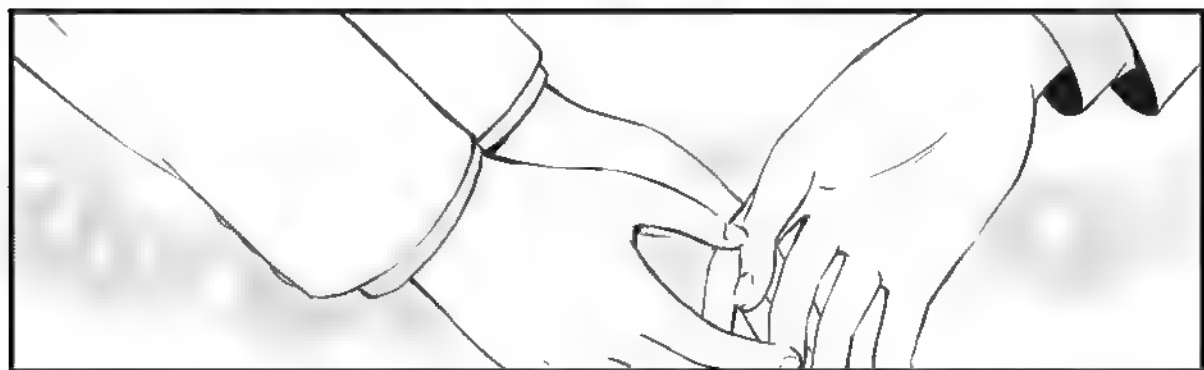
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DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?

SHE USED TO
BE SO HAPPY
AND POPULAR,
BUT NOW...

RECENTLY,
SHE'S BEEN
ACTING LIKE
A DIFFERENT
PERSON.



IF YOU'RE
HAVING A
HARD TIME,
DON'T BOTTLE
EVERYTHING
UP INSIDE,
OKAY?

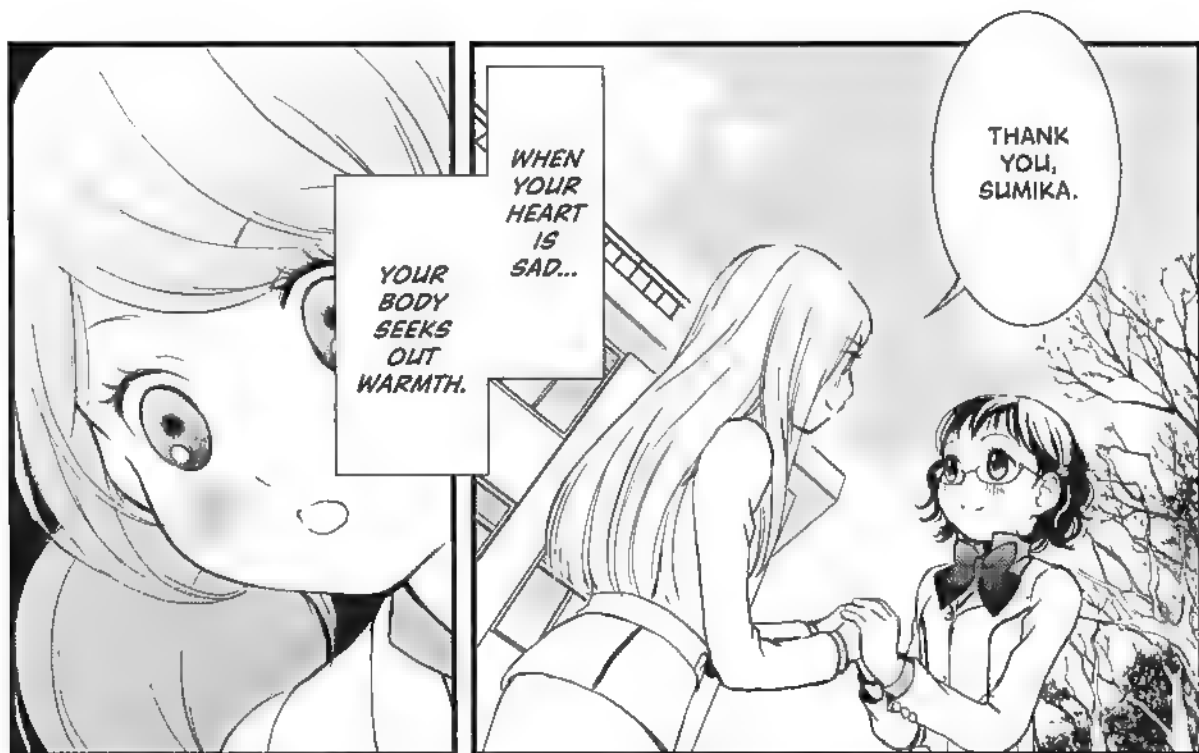


I'M YOUR
FRIEND,
AFTER
ALL.

BUT IF YOU
DO WANT
TO TALK TO
SOMEONE,
I'M ALWAYS
WILLING TO
LISTEN.







*YOUR
BODY
SEEKS
OUT
WARMTH.*

*WHEN
YOUR
HEART
IS
SAD...*

THANK
YOU,
SUMIKA.



*EVEN
KNOWING
THAT YOU'RE
TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF YOUR
PARTNER'S
FEELINGS...*

YEAH.

YOU KNOW...
I LOVE YOU,
RIGHT?



*EVEN
THOUGH
THEIR
TOUCH...*

*IS ONLY
TEMPORARY...*

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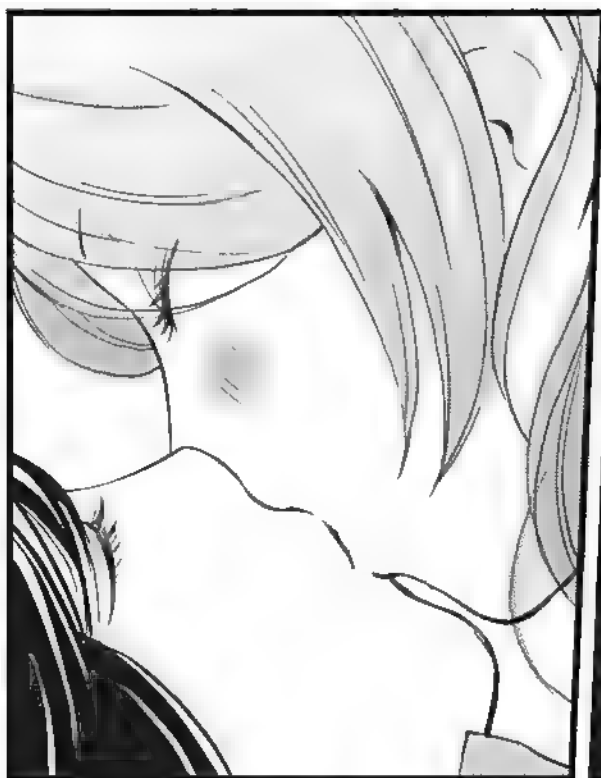




I'VE ALWAYS
LOVED YOU,
GINKO.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

I LOVE
YOU.



SISSY,
I LOVE YOU!







BACK THEN,
I TOLD MYSELF
I'D ALWAYS
PROTECT
YOUR LOVE.



WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO
YOU?



WHEN
WE WERE
LITTLE, WE SAID
WE'D FIND THE
PROMISED KISS
TOGETHER.

YEAH.



BUT WE
CAN'T.

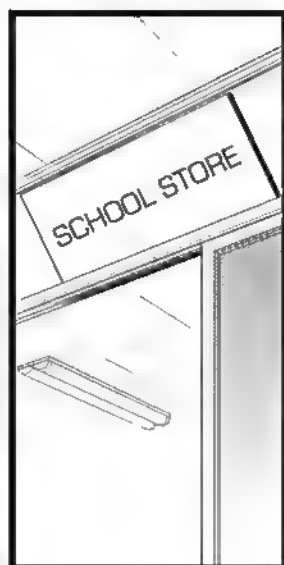
IF YOU
GIVE UP ON
YOUR LOVE,
YOU'LL BECOME
INVISIBLE.

I KNOW
THAT KUREHA
IS THE ONE
YOU LOVE.

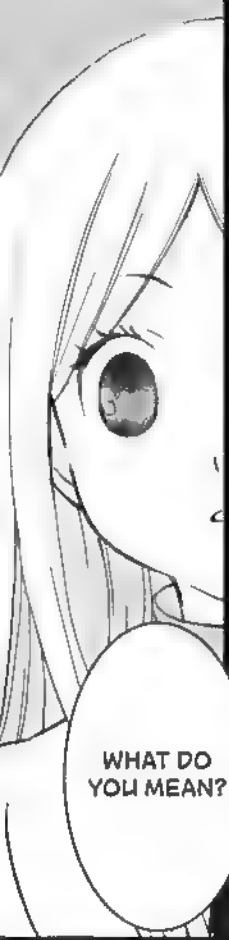
YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE KISSING
ME!



BACK THEN, I
THOUGHT THAT
I WAS GINKO'S
SOUL MATE,
BUT...







WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO CLOSE TO SUMIKA.



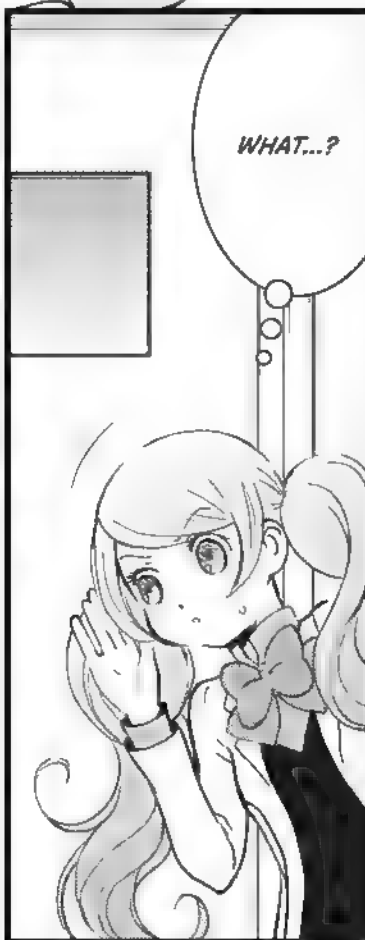
MITSUKO...

HEY, KUREHA.

1-A

SUMIKA IZUMINO IS KNOWN AS THE "WITCH OF THE BEARS."

A WITCH?!



WHAT...?



SHE AND I WENT TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL...

AND I HEARD A LOT OF WEIRD RUMORS ABOUT HER.









I'M
SUMIKA.

YOUR
NAME
IS MILNE,
RIGHT? NICE
TO MEET
YOU!



I WOULD
NEVER DO
SOMETHING SO
SCARY TO SUCH
A CUTE BEAR.



YOUR
HOUSE
IS SOOO
CUTE!

IT'S
A LITTLE
OLD, BUT
ISN'T IT
NICE?

MY LATE
GRANDMOTHER
BUILT IT.



THAT
CANDLE
SMELLS
GREAT.

YOU LIKE
HONEY,
RIGHT?

IT'S A
HONEY MILK-
SCENTED
AROMA
CANDLE.



THEY'RE
SO CUTE!
♡

IT'S
FULL OF
BEARS!
♡

I HOPE
MILNE CAN
GET ALONG
WITH MY
FRIENDS!



I'LL EVEN
PUT HONEY
IN YOURS.

I'LL GET
THE TEA
READY.



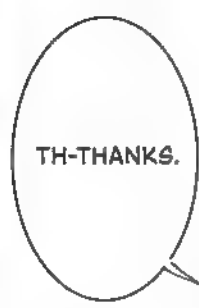
I CAN SEE
WHY SHE
AND KUREHA
GET ALONG.

LOOKS
LIKE THE
RUMORS
WERE
FALSE!

FWUMP
♪

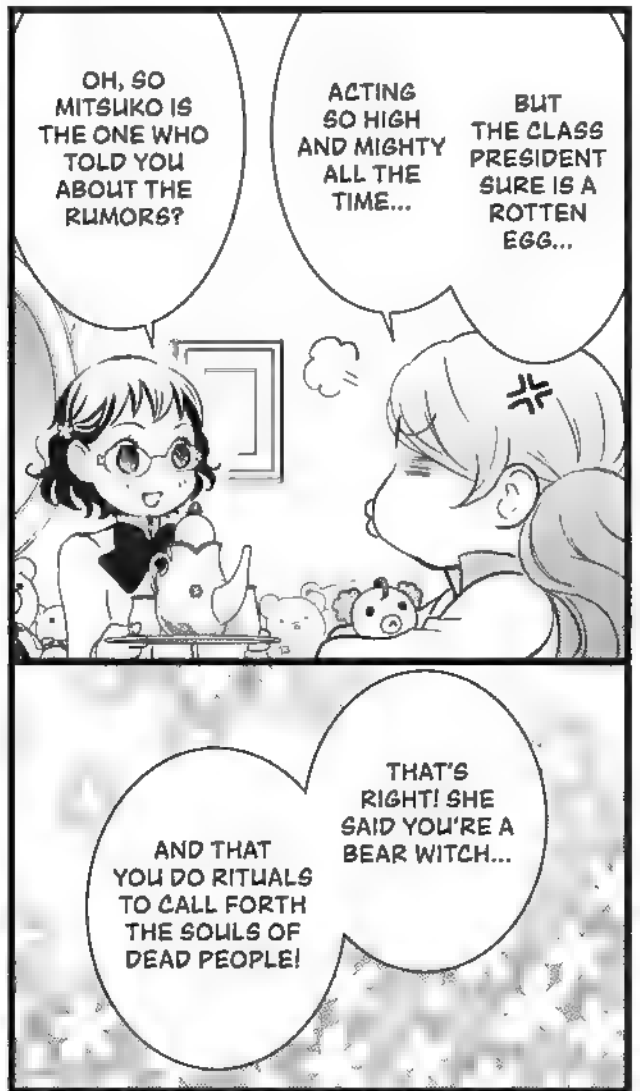


KUREHA
TOLD ME.



TH-THANKS.







OH, I
SEE.

NOT
THE BEAR
VERSION
OF HIM, THE
HUMAN MILNE!
MY LITTLE
BROTHER!

MILNE?
BUT YOU'RE
HOLDING
HIM!

I JUST SAW
MILNE OVER
THERE!



*SISSY,
I LOVE YOU!*



MILNE...



IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU
WERE ABLE TO
REUNITE WITH
SOMEONE
PRECIOUS
TO YOU.

THERE'S
MAGIC THAT
ALLOWS YOU TO
SEE THE LOVE
THAT YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN.

IT'S SAID
THAT WHEN
YOU ENTER
THIS HOUSE...



**WE WERE
THE ONLY
TWO PEOPLE
IN THE
ENTIRE
WORLD.**

**AND MY
LITTLE
BROTHER
MILNE WAS
A PRINCE.**

**I WAS A
PRINCESS...**



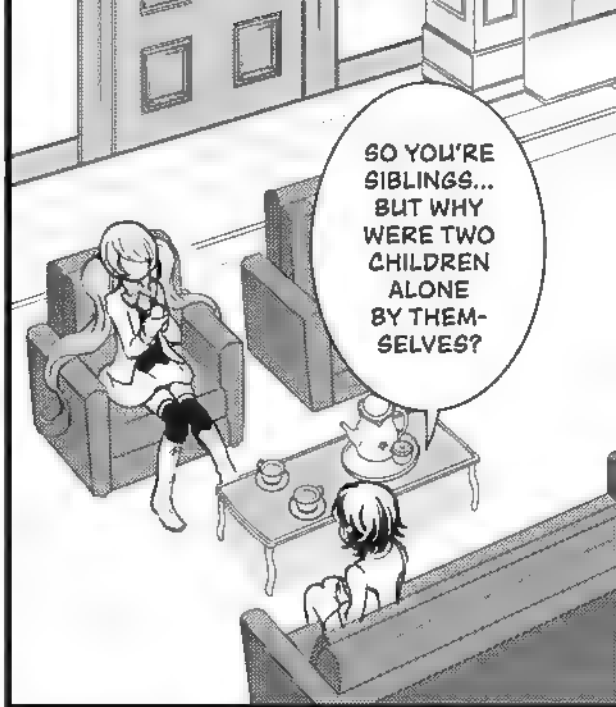
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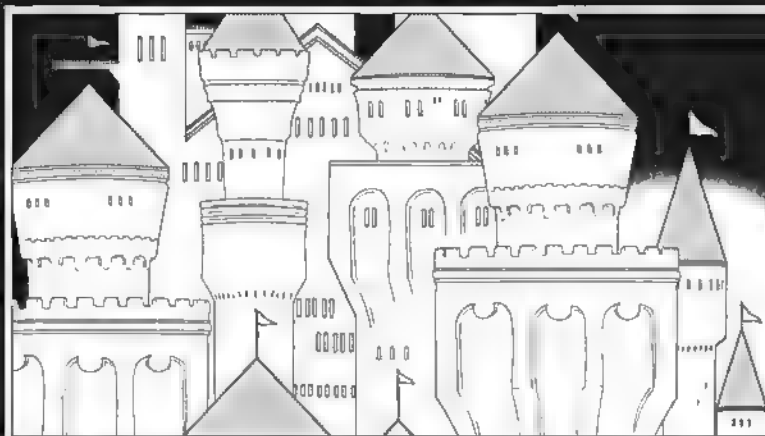


THE KING
AND QUEEN
HATED US
AND SAID
WE GOT IN
THEIR WAY.

MY
PARENTS...



SO YOU'RE
SIBLINGS...
BUT WHY
WERE TWO
CHILDREN
ALONE
BY THEM-
SELVES?



MILNE AND
I LIVED IN A
DARK ROOM IN
A CORNER OF
THE CASTLE.

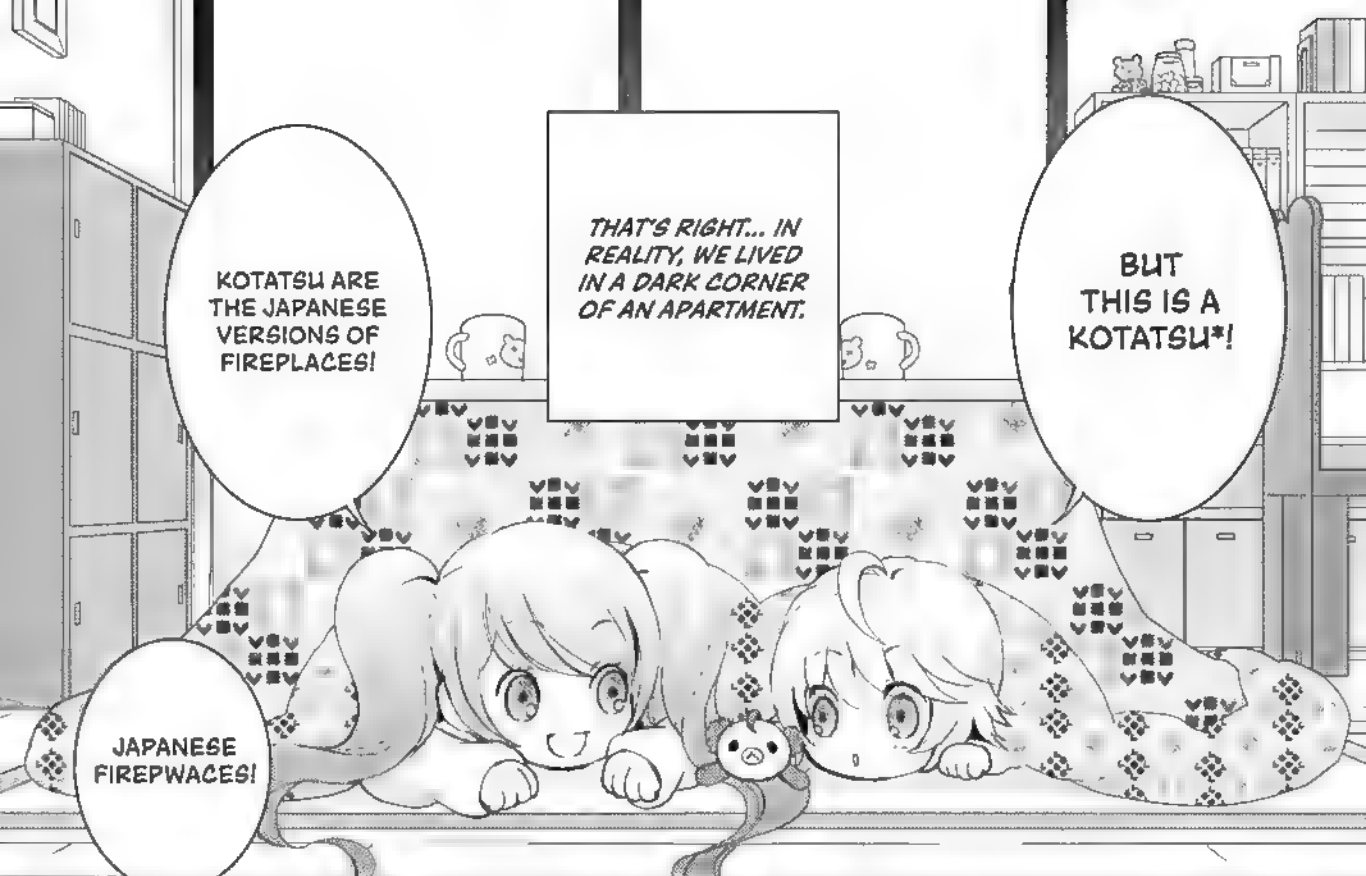


BECAUSE
WE HAD EACH
OTHER.



BUT WE
WEREN'T
LONELY...





KOTATSU ARE
THE JAPANESE
VERSIONS OF
FIREPLACES!

THAT'S RIGHT... IN
REALITY, WE LIVED
IN A DARK CORNER
OF AN APARTMENT.

BUT
THIS IS A
KOTATSU*!

JAPANESE
FIREPWACES!

*A LOW TABLE WITH AN ELECTRIC HEATER UNDERNEATH AND A BLANKET ATTACHED TO RETAIN HEAT IN WINTER



MONEY...



DO WE
HAVE
ANY CUP
RAMEN?



I'M
HUNGRY.



BUT I WANNA
GO TOO! I DON'T
WANNA STAY
HERE ALONE!

YOU'RE
STILL
SMALL, SO
YOU WALK
SLOW.

NO
WAY!



I WANNA
GO WITH
YOU!

I'LL GO
TO THE
STORE
REAL
QUICK.







OF GETTING
OUT OF THERE
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

I PROTECTED
MILNE EVERY
DAY IN THE
HOPE...



I LOVE
YOU TOO,
MILNE.

SISSY,
I LOVE
YOU.

IT'S ONE
OF MY
HAPPIEST
MEMO-
RIES.

AND I
SLOWED
MY PACE
TO MATCH
MILNE'S.

WE WERE
HUNGRY,
BUT WE
HELD
HANDS...



THERE'S A
WALL AND
A FOREST!

SISSY!

EVEN
THOUGH I
PROMISED
HIM WE
WOULD...



GINKO.

WATCH
YOUR
STEP.



UNLIKE OUR
APARTMENT,
IT'S THE
REAL DEAL.

YEAH.
I CAN SEE
A CASTLE,
TOO.

A REAL
CASTLE
WITH...

A REAL
KING AND
QUEEN...



WOW!



AND A
PRINCESS.



*WITH A
REAL
PRINCESS
WHO
SHONE
BRIGHTLY.*

*IT WAS JUST
LIKE A FAIRY
TALE FROM
A PICTURE
BOOK...*

*WITH A
REAL
PRINCESS
WHO
SHONE
BRIGHTLY.*

*IT WAS JUST
LIKE A FAIRY
TALE FROM
A PICTURE
BOOK...*



SIT UP

I WANT TO
 SEE THAT
 PRINCESS
 AGAIN!



SIT UP

I WANT TO
 SEE THAT
 PRINCESS
 AGAIN!


PRINCESS
GINKO...

GINKO...

PRINCESS
GINKO...

GINKO...

GINKO.









HE
WASN'T
MOVING.

WHEN
I TURNED
AROUND...
MILNE
WAS LYING
ON THE
GROUND.



AN
ACCIDENT?

YES.




MILNE
DIED.



BUT
I BROKE
THAT
PROMISE.

I PROMISED
THAT I'D
PROTECT HIM,
THAT WE'D
ALWAYS BE
TOGETHER...



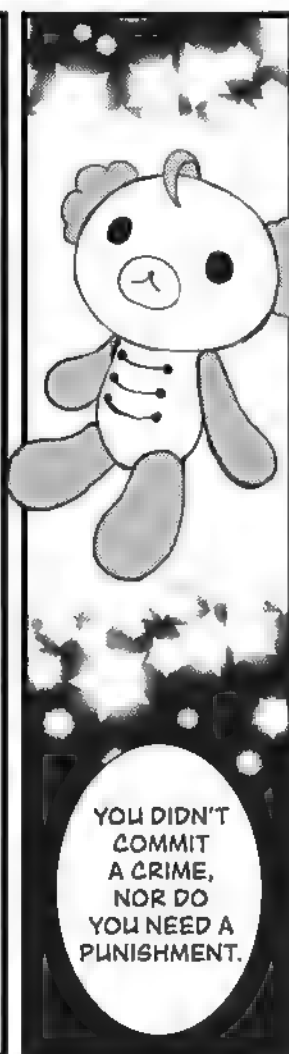
I WANT
TO SEE
HIM...

HE DIED.

BUT
I CAN'T
ANYMORE.

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YOU'RE
NOT
MILNE.

HUH?



SHE'S A
BEAR?!

IT'S THE
PRINCESS
FROM
BACK
THEN...

I'M LOOKING
FOR MY DEAD
BROTHER.



THIS
PLACE
IS...

I'M
GINKO.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

THE
CASTLE
IN THE
FOREST!



I LOVE HIM.

BUT I WANT TO SEE HIM!



IF HE'S DEAD, THEN YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND HIM.

MY MAMA TOLD ME THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS WHEN SOMEONE DIES.

ONCE YOU DIE, YOU'RE GONE FOREVER...

BUT LOVE BECOMES A STAR.



IN THE SKY?

THAT'S TOO FAR...



"LOVE..."



THEN IT SHINES IN THE SKY FOR EVER AND EVER.

REIA TOLD ME THAT WHEN LOVE IS ACCEPTED, IT BECOMES A STAR.



I'LL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
SEE MILNE
AGAIN...



SO I
REALLY
CAN'T
SEE
HIM?

IT'S BEEN
TEN YEARS
SINCE THEN,
BUT THERE'S
PROBABLY A
PART OF ME
THAT'S STILL
CRYING, AFTER
ALL THIS TIME.

I DIDN'T
STOP UNTIL
THE TEARS
I CRIED
MATCHED
THE
AMOUNT
OF MY LOVE
FOR HIM.

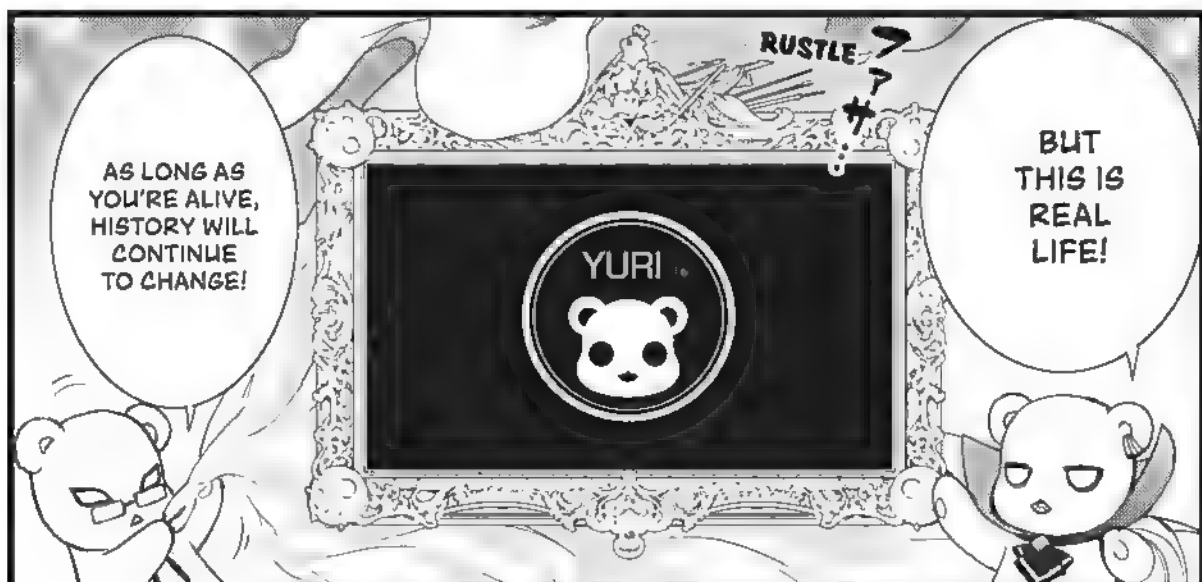


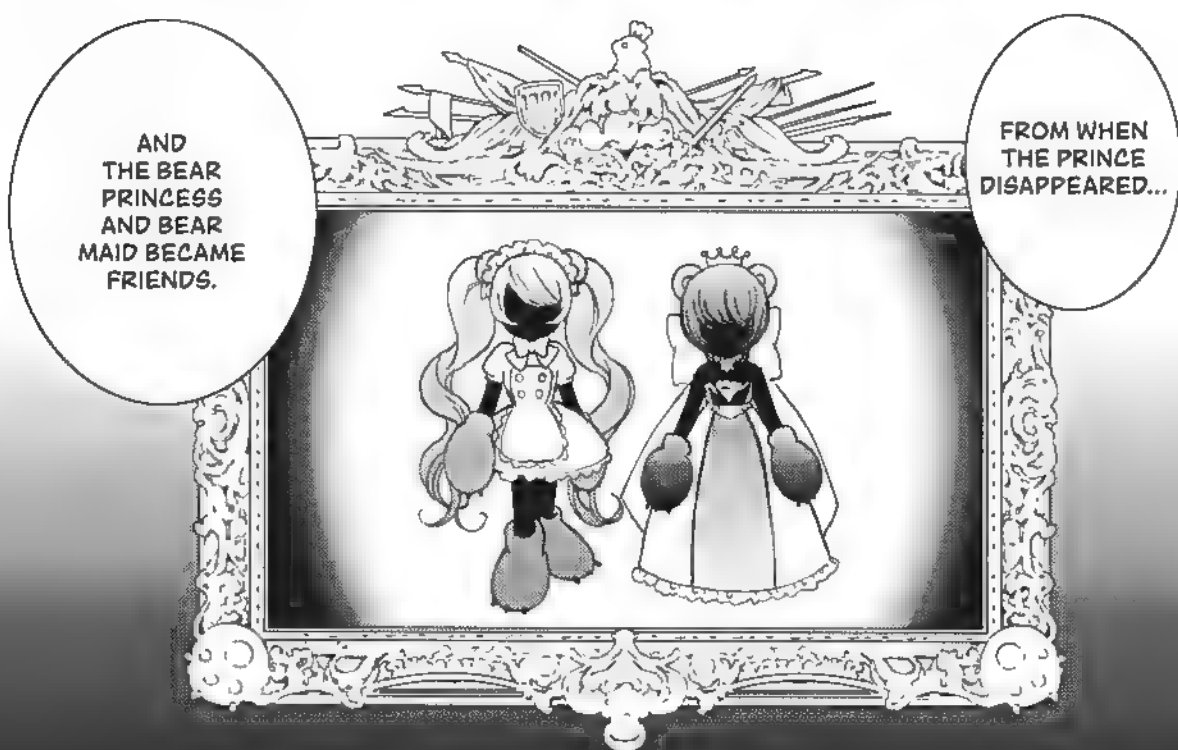
AND
CRIED
MY EYES
OUT.

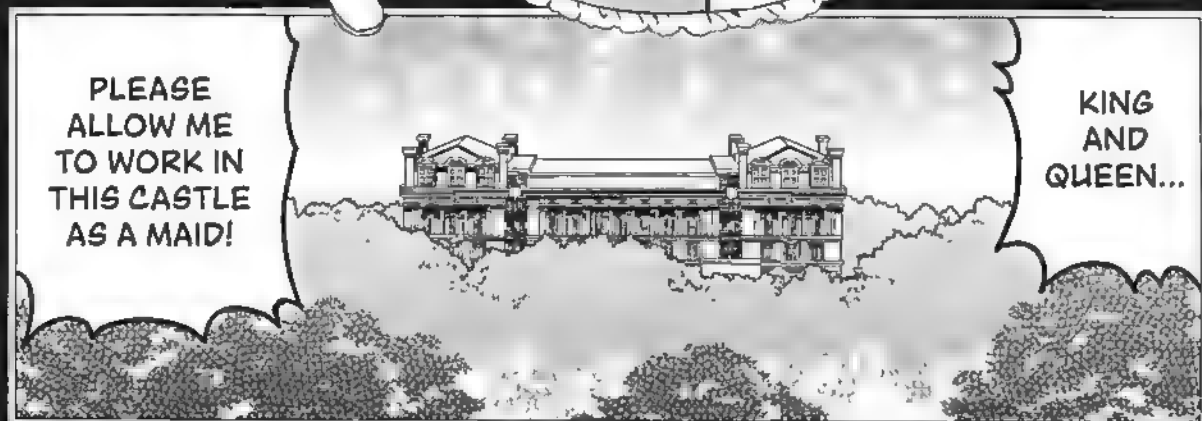
I BEGAN
TO SOB...













PLEASE!

I WON'T
TELL ANYONE
THAT GINKO
IS A BEAR!



I WANT TO
STAY WITH
PRINCESS
GINKO.

I PROMISE
I'LL WORK MY
HARDEST!



A BEAR?



ARCHE
IS THE
BEGINNING
AND TELOS
IS THE END.

BEARS ARE
BOTH THE
BEGINNING
AND END OF
THE WORLD.

BEARS ARE
THE ARCHE OF
EVERYTHING.



OKAY!

WE'RE
NOT AT HOME
MUCH, SO
GINKO IS
OFTEN ALL
ALONE.

YOU'RE
WILLING TO
PLAY WITH MY
DAUGHTER?
THEN YOU
CAN STAY.

YAY! I
DID IT!

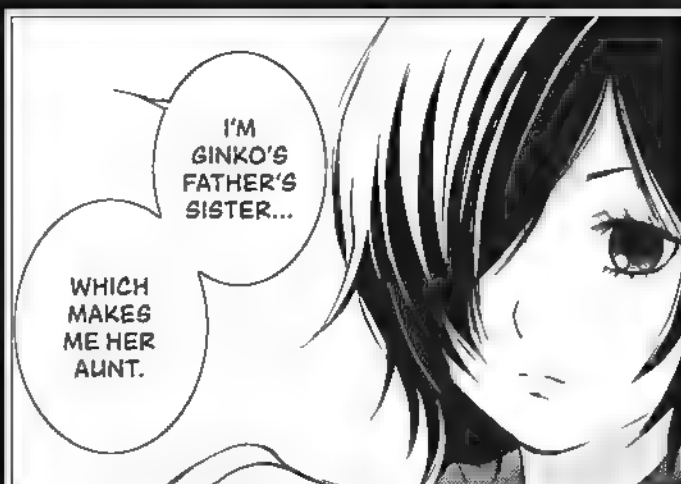


HA
HA
HA!

LOOKS
LIKE A
CUTE
MAID HAS
COME TO
OUR BEAR
CASTLE!

IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU ALWAYS
TELL GINKO
WEIRD
STORIES...

SIGH
31



I'M
GINKO'S
FATHER'S
SISTER...

WHICH
MAKES
ME HER
AUNT.



LULU,
I'LL MAKE
CLOTHES
AND AN
APRON
FOR YOU.

WE'LL
EVEN
GET YOU
EARS AND
MITTENS
TO MATCH
GINKO'S.

GINKO'S
DAD AND
AUNT...



YOUR
HIGH-
NESSES!

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH...

I'M
NOT THE
QUEEN,
YOU
KNOW.



GINKO IS
A LITTLE
DIFFERENT
FROM OTHER
GIRLS. SHE
REALLY THINKS
SHE'S A BEAR.

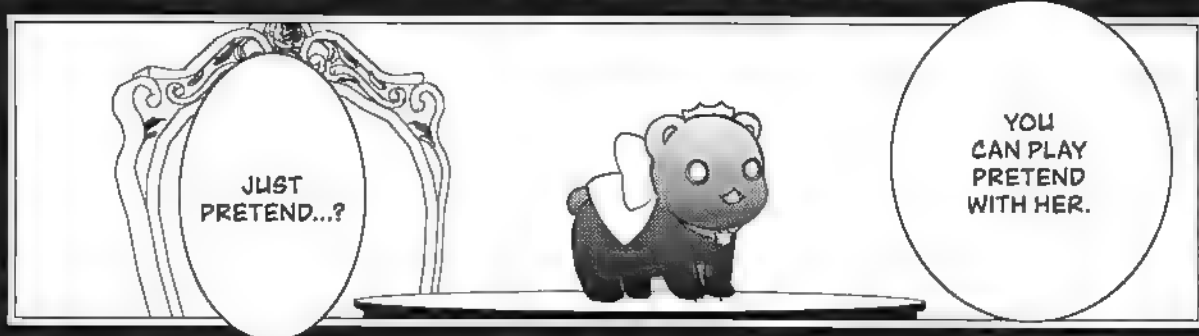
HUH?
ISN'T
SHE ONE,
THOUGH?

GROWL,
GROWL!



I'LL
BE A
BEAR!

BUT YOU
KNOW,
LULU...



JUST
PRETEND...?

YOU
CAN PLAY
PRETEND
WITH HER.



HER EARS
ARE FAKE.

OH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



GROWL.

GROWL.



PAUSE!



HER HAIR-
STYLE IS
DIFFERENT,
SO I DIDN'T
RECOG-
NIZE HER
AT FIRST.

YURIIKA!



AH!

I SEE!

THAT
WOMAN
WAS
YURIIKA!

HONEY
POPCORN

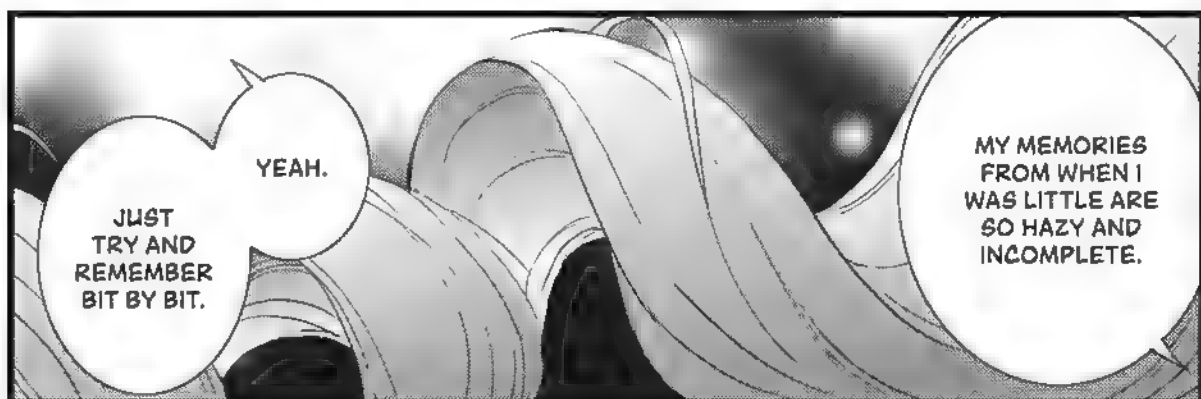


I'LL
CURL IT
FOR YOU!

SHE'S SO
PRETTY! I
WANT TO
CURL MY
HAIR, TOO.

THANKS!

CURL!



YEAH.

JUST
TRY AND
REMEMBER
BIT BY BIT.

MY MEMORIES
FROM WHEN I
WAS LITTLE ARE
SO HAZY AND
INCOMPLETE.





GINKO
ACTED
MUCH
YOUNGER.

EVEN
THOUGH
GINKO AND
I WERE THE
SAME AGE,



YES,
YES.

BUTTON

IT WAS
LIKE BEING
WITH
MILNE
AGAIN.



HEY, GINKO,
WANT TO
GO ON AN
ADVENTURE?

LET'S GO
THROUGH
THE FOREST
AND OVER
THE WALL!



MILNE...

WE COULD
TRAVEL
AROUND
THE WORLD
TOGETHER!

OVER THE
WALL AND
THROUGH
THE
FOREST...



I WANT
TO GO.

I WANT
TO FIND THE
PROMISED
KISS.



I'M SURE
IT'LL BE
LOTS OF
FUN!

AN
ADVENTURE...



IT BECOMES A
SHOOTING STAR
AND FALLS TO
EARTH, MAKING
IT A "PROMISED
KISS."

WHEN
"ETERNAL LOVE"
BECOME A STAR
AND A PIECE
BREAKS OFF...

REIA
TOLD ME
ABOUT
IT.

THE
PROMISED
KISS?



IS THIS A...
PROPOSAL?!



WITH
ME...?

LOVE...
A KISS...





I WASN'T
ABLE TO
KISS HER AT
THAT TIME.



IT WENT
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS.



BUT I WAS
SMART AND
QUICKLY
REALIZED
THE
PROBLEM.



UP
NORTH?
WE'RE
GOING
TO VISIT
REIA?

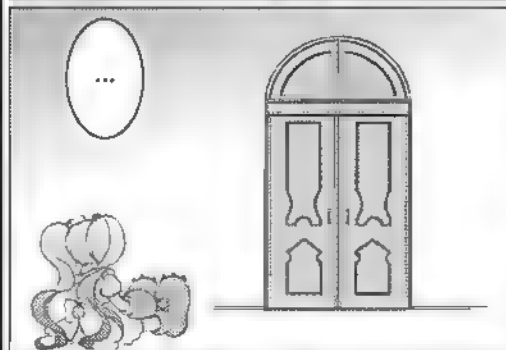


SO THIS
IS WHERE
YOU WERE!

YEAH.



THE TWO
OF THEM
WENT
ON THE
TRIP...



AND
DIDN'T
COME
HOME FOR
SEVERAL
DAYS.



SHE'LL
BE THERE,
TOO.

THAT'S
RIGHT. REIA
INVITED US.

IS MAMA
GOING?

WHEN
YURIIKA
TALKED
ABOUT
REIA...

SHE
LOOKED
EXTREME-
LY BEAU-
TIFUL.



FRAGILE
ITEMS
OVER
HERE!

ALL THE
CLOTHES
IN THE
CLOSET
GO IN...

BURGLARS
CAME TO
STEAL THE
CASTLE'S
TREASURES.

THEN,
ONE DAY...

NO!

YOU
THIEVES!

THAT'S
GINKO'S
DUCK!



I WANT
TO GO
TOO!

I'M THE
PRINCESS'S
MAID...

AND
GINKO'S
LOVER!



GINKO
IS GOING TO
START LIVING
WITH HER
MOTHER...

THESE
PEOPLE
AREN'T
THIEVES.
THEY'RE
MOVERS.

OVER-
SEAS.

WITH THE
QUEEN?



PLEASE
DON'T TAKE
GINKO
FROM ME!

I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE HER
TOO!



I DON'T
NEED A
PRINCE!

I LOVE
GINKO!



I'M SURE
YOU'LL FIND A
WONDERFUL
PRINCE
SOME DAY.

LULU,
YOU'RE
A CUTE
GIRL...

THAT I'D
BE ABLE TO
SEE GINKO
AGAIN
SOME DAY.

BUT I
BELIEVED...

GINKO!



MARKED
THE DAY
WE WERE
SEPARATED
FROM EACH
OTHER.

THAT
DAY...

YOU'VE
FINALLY
REUNITED
WITH HER.

NOW,
TEN YEARS
LATER...



OR
JUST HER
STALKER.

I'M NOT
SURE
WHETHER
YOU'RE HER
LONG-LOST
LOVE OF TEN
YEARS...

WHAT A
WONDERFUL
STORY!

LET'S FAST-
FORWARD TO
THE TOUCHING
MOMENT WHEN
YOUR STALKING
REUNITED
YOU TWO.





I KNOW.

THANK
YOU,
MILNE.



SISSY,
I LOVE
YOU!

IT'S A
PROMISE!



WE'LL
SAVE THE
PRINCES AND
PRINCESSES
OF THE
WORLD.

OVER
WALLS
AND
THROUGH
FORESTS.

WE'LL GO
EVERY-
WHERE...

I WANT TO
LEAVE AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

THAT WAS
MY PROMISE
TO MILNE.



AND
YOU TOO,
SUMIKA.

BUT I
HAVE
TO GO.

BUT
IT'S THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT! YOU
SHOULD
STAY
OVER!

HUH?



IS THERE
SOMETHING
YOU HAVE
TO TAKE
CARE OF?

YES!

AND
SAVE MY
PRINCESS!

I HAVE TO
GET RID OF
THE EVIL
QUEEN...



I HAVE
TO RELEASE
HER FROM
THE BEAR'S
CURSE!

GINKO
HAS BEEN
SUFFERING
FOR A LONG
TIME.



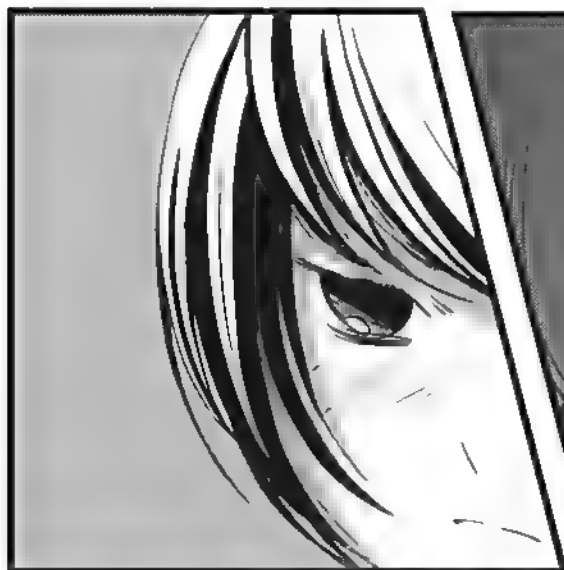
DON'T
LIE TO
ME.

THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU'RE MY
CHILD.

YOU CAN
SEE THE
WORLD AS
IT TRULY
IS, CAN'T
YOU?



THE
WORLD IS
MADE UP
OF BEARS.



I CAN'T
HELP BUT
HEAR AND
SEE IT...

EVEN
THOUGH I
KNOW IT'S
ALL AN
ILLUSION...



CRACKLE

YOU'RE
A BEAR,
AFTER ALL

HURRY
UP AND EAT
KUREHA.





SHE
EVEN TOLD
ME ABOUT
THE BEAR
YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR!

IT'S
GINKO'S—



WE HAD
TEA AND
TALKED.

WHY
WOULD
SHE?



LULU
WENT TO
YOUR HOUSE
YESTERDAY?



LULU
NEVER
CAME
HOME
LAST NIGHT!

GINKO?

ARE
YOU
KEEPING
HER
HOS-
TAGE?!



THEN
WHERE
IS SHE?

HOSTAGE?
OF COURSE
NOT!

I-I
DON'T
KNOW...



WAH!

SUMIKA
IZUMINO!

WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO LULU?!



GINKO!!

CRACK

I KNOW
THIS IS
YOUR
FAULT!

SHE'S
MY
ONLY...

THERE'S NO
WAY LULU
WOULD JUST
DISAPPEAR
WITHOUT
TELLING
ME FIRST!

THERE
ARE PEOPLE
WHO ENTER
YOUR HOUSE
AND NEVER
COME OUT.

THE
CLASS
PRESI-
DENT
TOLD ME
THAT...

SHE
SAID
YOU'RE
A BEAR
WITCH.



SUMIKA
WOULD
NEVER DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!

DON'T
ACT SO
VIOLENT!

CALM
DOWN!



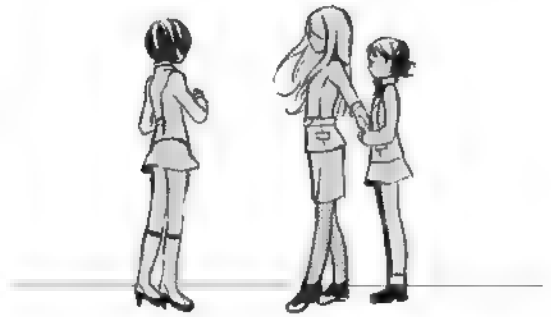
KUREHA...



DOES SHE LIKE
HER MORE THAN
SHE LIKES ME?

WHY IS SHE
COVERING FOR
THAT WITCH?

WHAT?



I DON'T
THINK YOU
NEED TO
WORRY
ABOUT
HER.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHERE
SHE WENT,
BUT...


LULU
AND I ARE
FRIENDS
NOW.

UM...



LULU...

IS FRIENDS
WITH HER
NOW, TOO?



IT'S ONLY
NATURAL FOR
THEM TO HATE
A CRIMINAL
BEAR LIKE ME.



I'M ALSO THE
ONE WHO
SLAPPED
KUREHA'S
HAND AWAY.



I HURT
LULU'S
FEELINGS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



GINKO...





WOW!

I'M
REALLY IN
ANOTHER
COUNTRY!

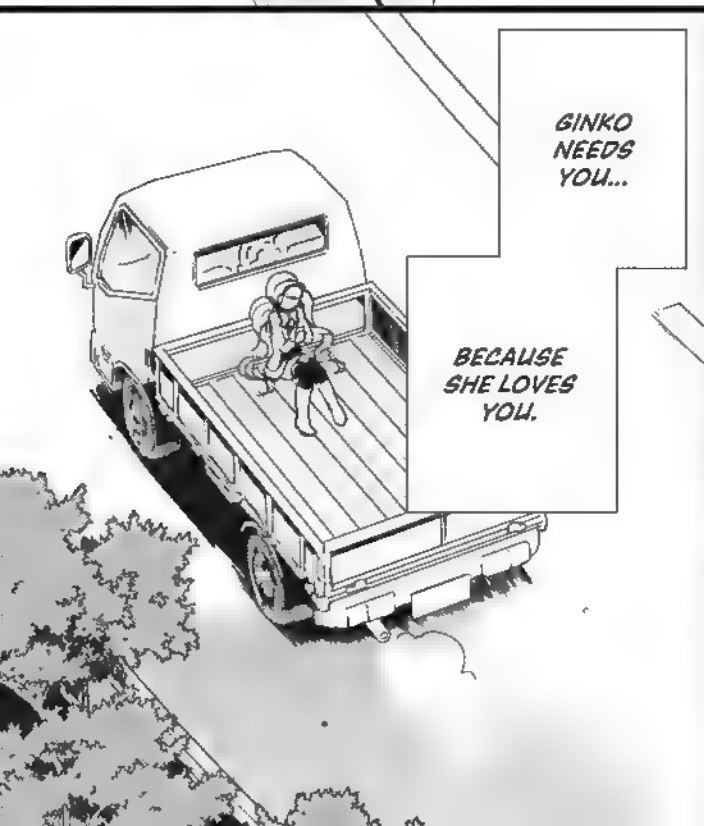
I'M GOING
TO VISIT
GINKO'S
MOM...
THE BEAR
QUEEN.

DEAR
KUREHA...



I'LL BE GOING
FAR AWAY AND
DON'T KNOW
WHEN I'LL BE
BACK, BUT
DON'T WORRY.

THE
BUILDINGS
ARE SO CUTE!
JUST LIKE
THE ONES
IN PICTURE
BOOKS!



GINKO
NEEDS
YOU...

BECAUSE
SHE LOVES
YOU.



AND
PROTECT
HER WHILE
I'M GONE.

PLEASE
TAKE CARE
OF GINKO...



USE
MY CELL
PHONE
OVER-
SEAS?!

I-I
CAN'T...

NO
WAY!!



I CAN'T
SEND MY TEXT
TO GINKO...

NO
SERVICE?



I'LL DO MY
BEST SO
YOUR LOVE
FOR EACH
OTHER CAN
BECOME A
PROMISED
KISS!

AND...
SEND!

HUUH?



OKAY! IT'S
TIME TO
INFILTRATE
THE QUEEN
BEAR'S
SECRET LAIR!

F-FINE!
WHATEVER!

I'LL JUST
HURRY AND
DEFEAT THE
LAST BOSS
SO I CAN
GO HOME!



LET'S SEE...
WHERE COULD
SHE BE?

SPLASH

GREAT!
SHE'S
IN THE
SHOWER.



THIS
IS A
PIECE
OF
CAKE!

THE
SECURITY IS
A LOT WEAKER
HERE THAN
HER CASTLE
IN JAPAN...



ALL
RIGHT! IT
OPENED.

CLACK

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HAS COME
TO OUR BEAR
CASTLE!

LOOKS
LIKE A
CUTE
MAID...

AH!

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG
TIME.

HA HA
HA!

YOU'VE
GOTTEN
SO BIG...


AND
BEAUTIFUL.







Chapter
17



YURIIKA
FROM THE ENGLISH "EUREKA!"
AN EXPRESSION USED TO
EXPRESS TRIUMPH UPON
DISCOVERING SOMETHING

KALE
MEANING "BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN."

IS KALE HER
PEN NAME?

EVEN
THOUGH IT'S
A PICTURE
BOOK,
THERE'S NO
PICTURE ON
THE COVER.

SO THIS
IS THE BOOK
GINKO'S MOM
WROTE.

THE GIRL FROM THE MOON AND
THE FOREST OF BEARS
KALE

MY MOM
USED TO READ
IT TO ME WHEN
I WAS LITTLE.

I KNOW
THIS
BOOK.

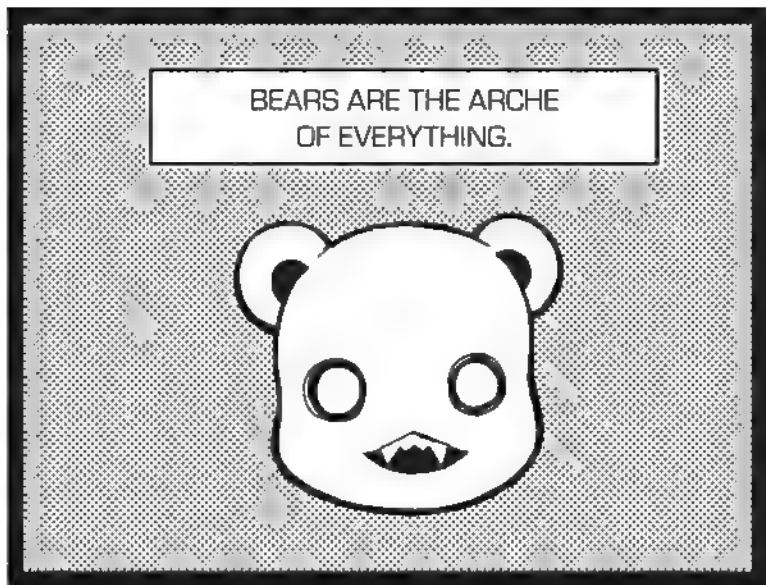
NOW
I REMEMBER...

IN
TURKISH
IT MEANS
"CASTLE."

KALE
IS THE
NAME OF A
GODDESS
OF BEAUTY.

MAYBE.





BEARS ARE THE ARCHE
OF EVERYTHING.



I THINK
IT'S ABOUT
A BEAR IN
THE FOREST
BECOMING
THE GIRL'S
FRIEND...

THAT'S
SO CUTE!

ぱら
: FLAP



I KNEW
IT WAS A
BEAR FROM
THIS BOOK.

THIS LOOKS
EXACTLY
LIKE GINKO'S
TEDDY BEAR!



AH!
...
ARCHE?



BECAUSE
I WAS
REMEM-
BERING
THE GIRL
IN THIS
STORY...

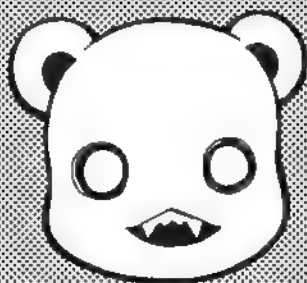
I WONDER
IF I
DREAMED
ABOUT
GINKO
WHEN I
MET HER...



THE BEAR
PRINCESS
LOOKS LIKE
HER, TOO.



BEARS ARE THE ARCHE
OF EVERYTHING.



FOR A
PICTURE
BOOK, IT
SURE USES
SOME
DIFFICULT
WORDS.

BEARS
ARE THE
BEGINNING
AND END
OF EVERY-
THING.

ARCHE
AND
TELOS.



THERE
LIVED BEARS
WHO ATE
PEOPLE.

DEEP
IN THE
FOREST...

LONG,
LONG
AGO...



BECAUSE
OF THEIR
SINFUL
NATURES,
THEY WERE
EXCLUDED
FROM THE
REST OF THE
WORLD AND
SUFFERED.

THEY TOOK
PLEASURE
IN EATING
THE FLESH
OF HUMANS.

ALL THE
BEARS WERE
EPICUREANS,
BEASTS WHO
LIVED FOR
PLEASURE
AND THEIR
APPETITES.



SHE
CAUSED
STORMS,
STOLE AWAY
HUMAN GIRLS,
AND GREEDILY
CONSUMED
THEIR FLESH.




SHE
LOVED
HUMAN
GIRLS THE
MOST.




THE BEAR
PRINCESS
RULED OVER
THE BEARS
IN THE
FOREST.



DESPITE BEING
WARNED BY THE
MINISTERS, SHE
CONTINUED TO
SATIATE HER
GLUTTONOUS
APPETITE.



"THE BEAR
PRINCESS
IS EATING
TOO MANY!"



"AT THIS RATE,
HUMANS WILL
GO EXTINCT!"



THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
HUMAN GIRL
SHE HAD
EVER SEEN
BEFORE.




THE BEAR
PRINCESS
FOUND...



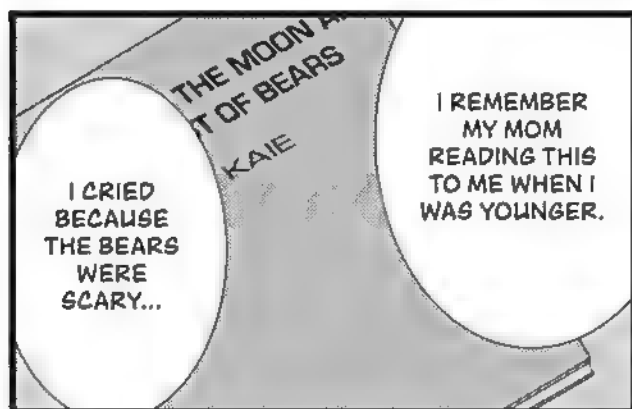
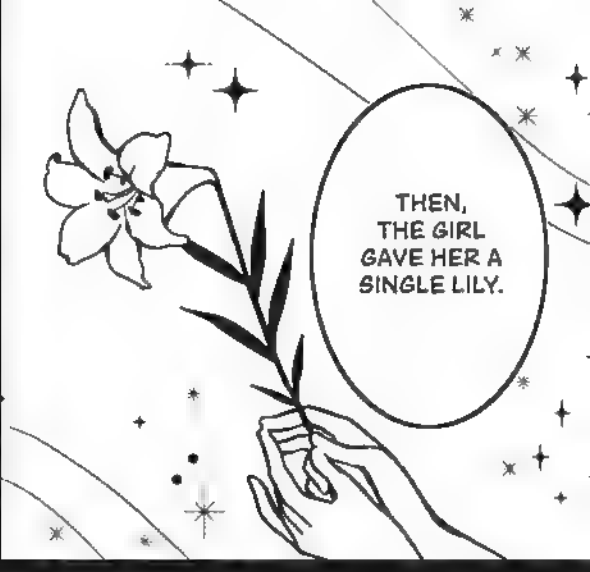
HOWEVER,
ONE NIGHT
THE FULL
MOON SHONE
DOWN
UPON THE
FOREST OF
DARKNESS.

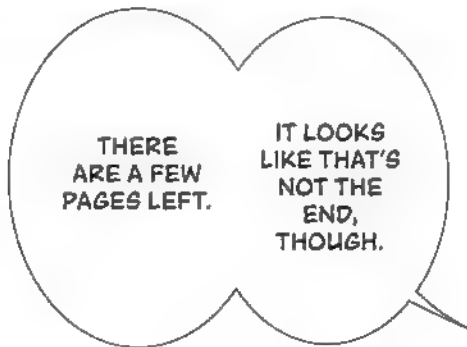


CRIMINAL
BEAR,
CRIMINAL
BEAR,
CRIMINAL
BEAR.



PLEASURE
AND PAIN.
PLEASURE
AND PAIN.
PLEASURE
AND PAIN.







LULU...

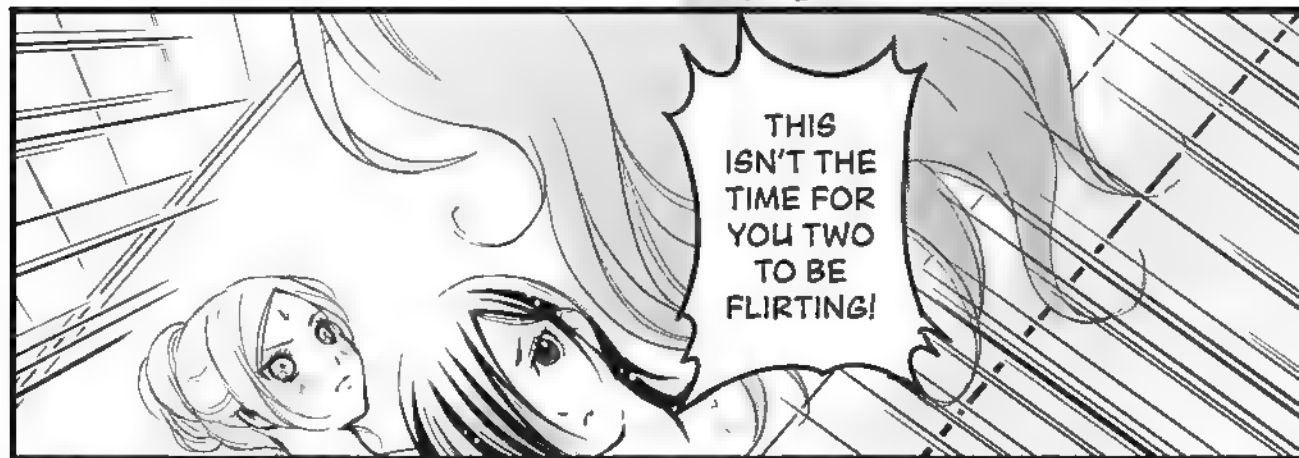
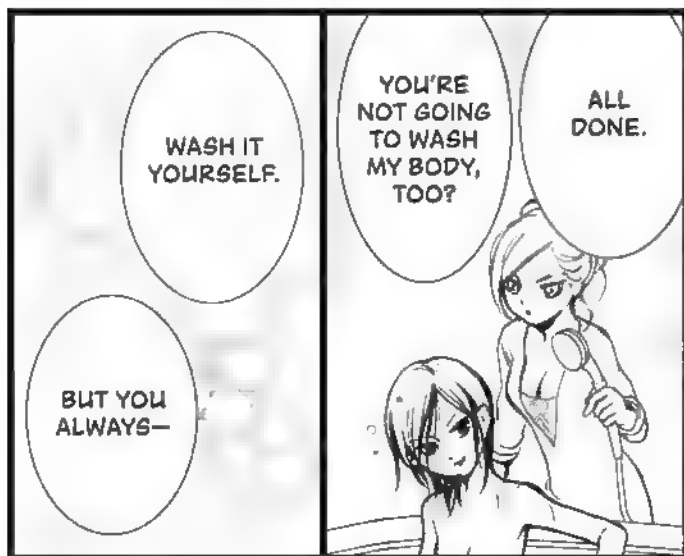
WHERE ARE
YOU, LULU?

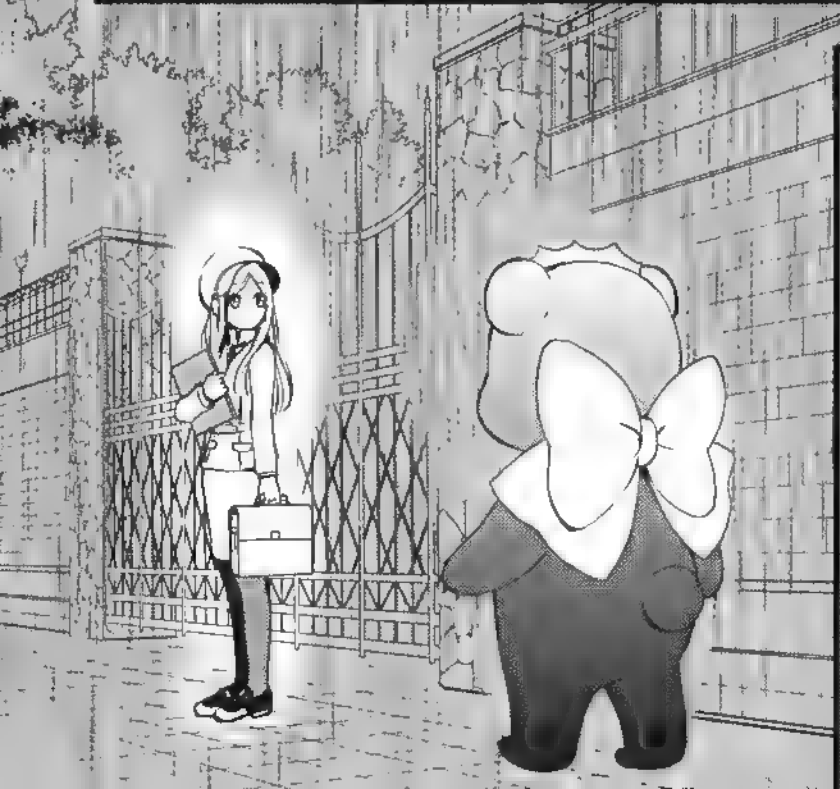
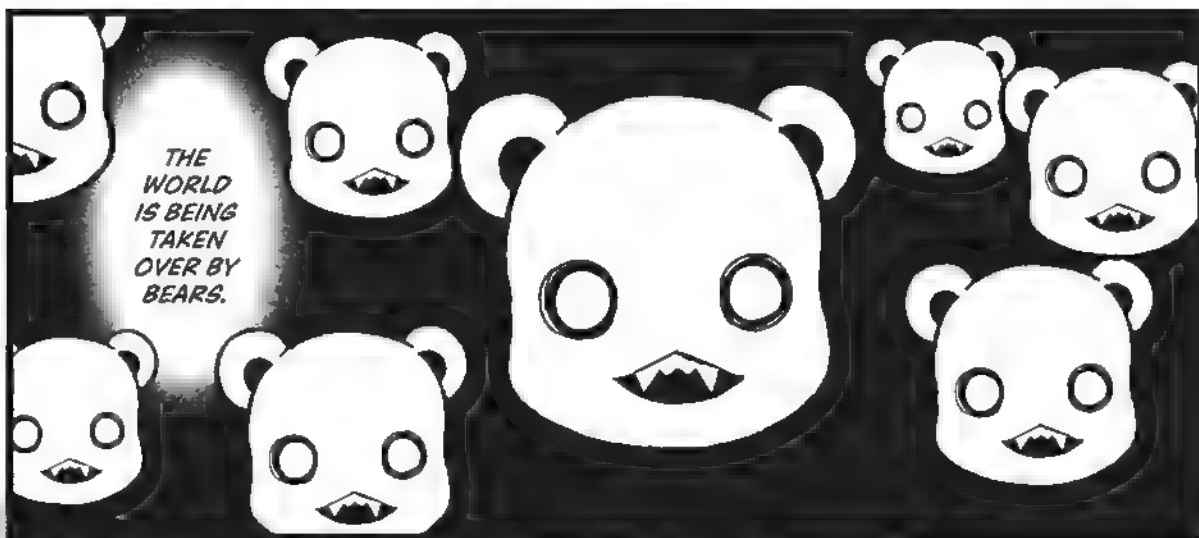
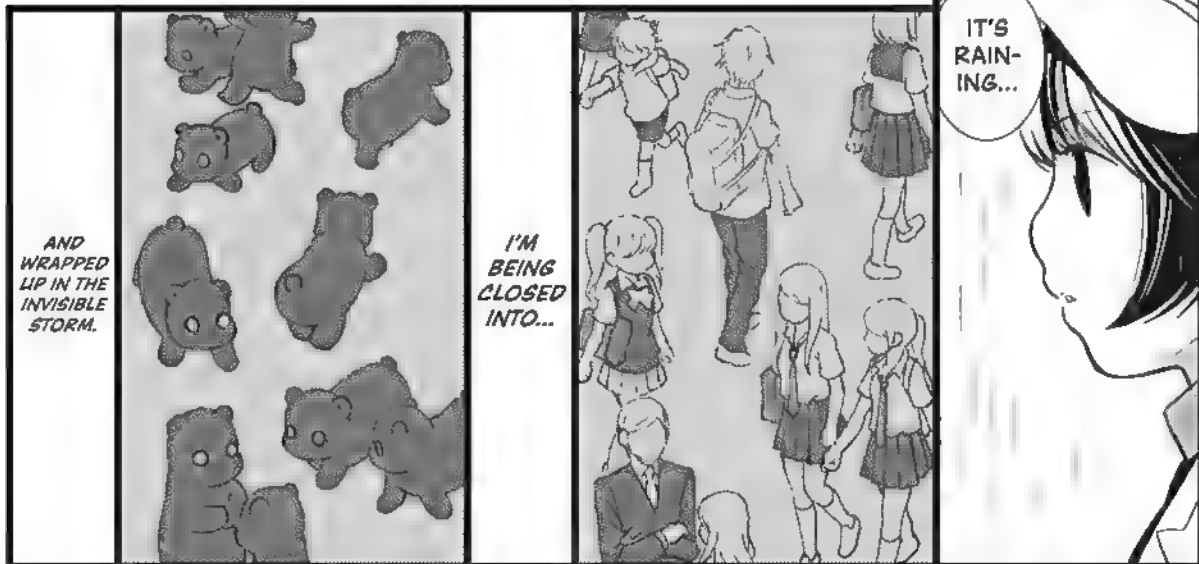
MOM...
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

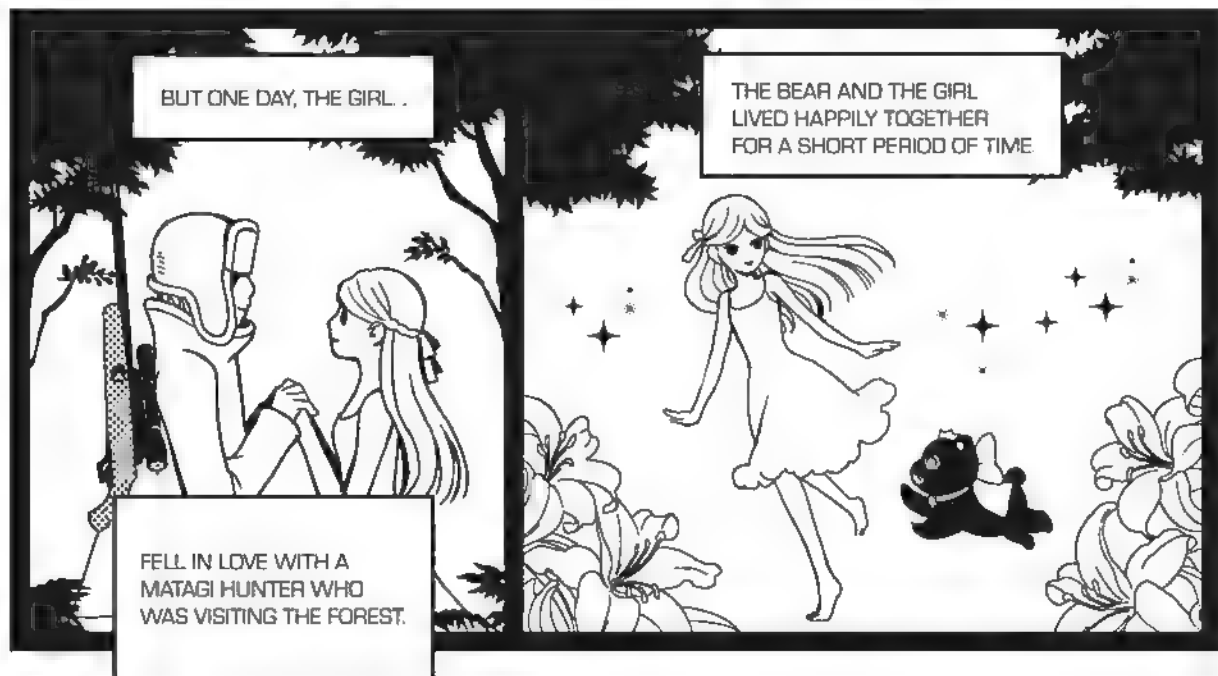
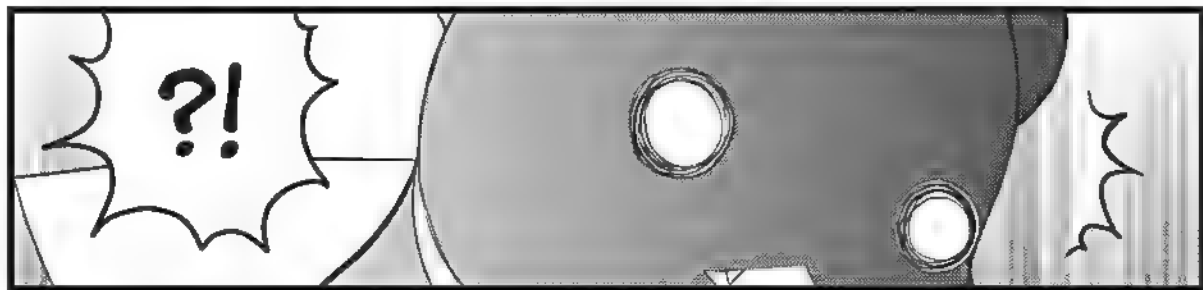


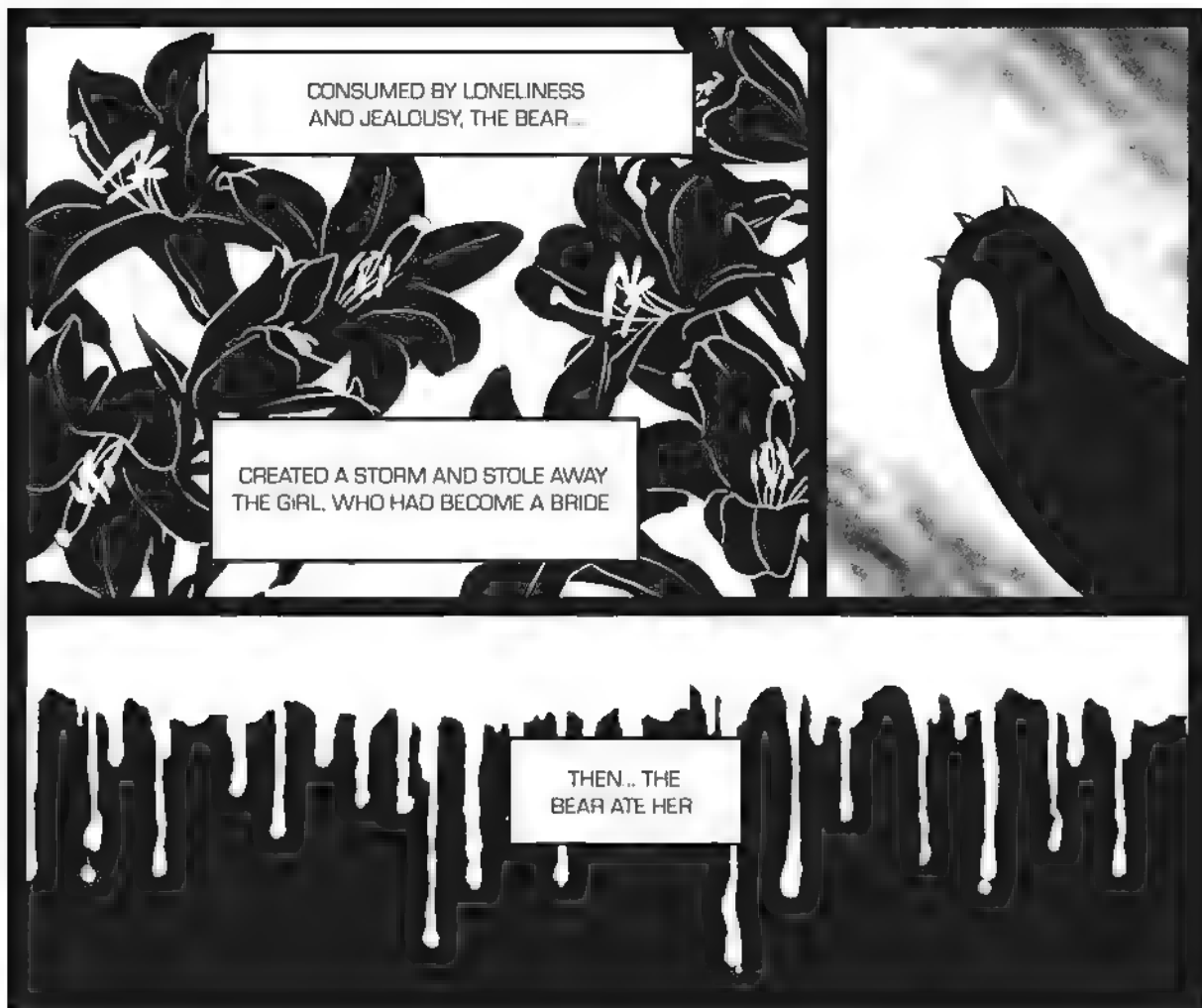













WERE YOU
THE ONE
WHO KILLED
KUREHA'S
MAMA?



WAS YOUR
MOM THE ONE
WHO KILLED
MY MOM?



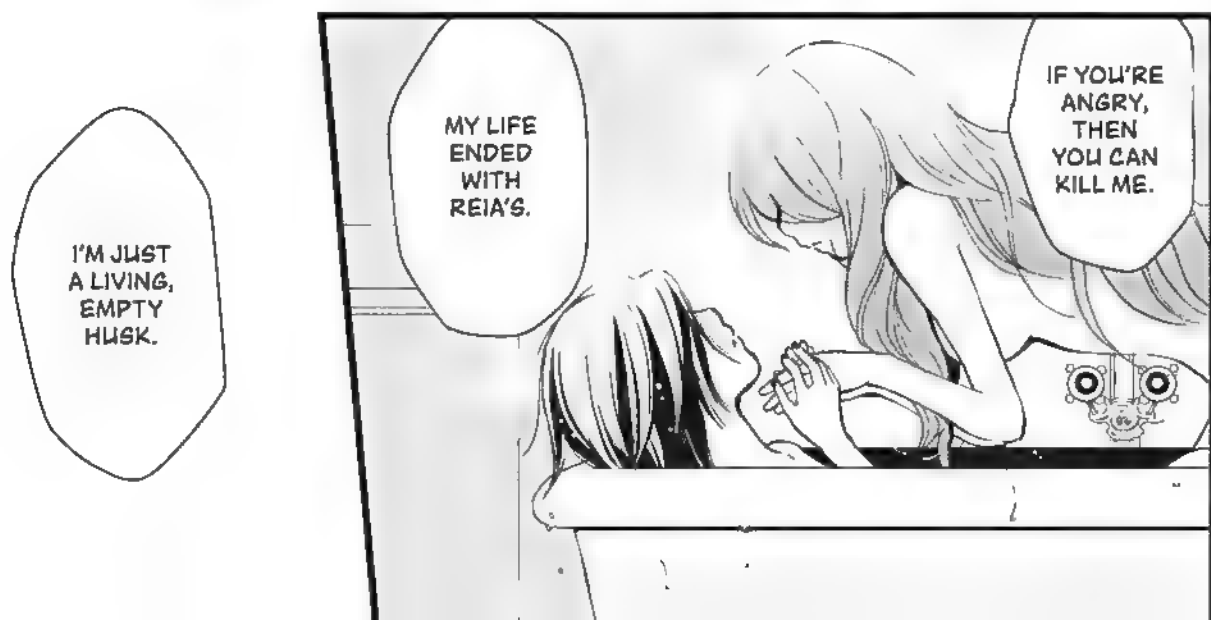
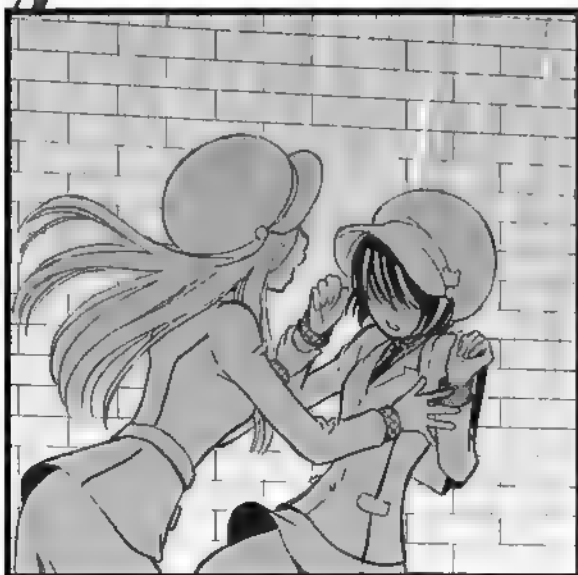
THE GIRL FROM THE MOON AND
THE FOREST OF BEARS
KALE



I KILLED
AND ATE
REIA.

THAT'S
RIGHT.







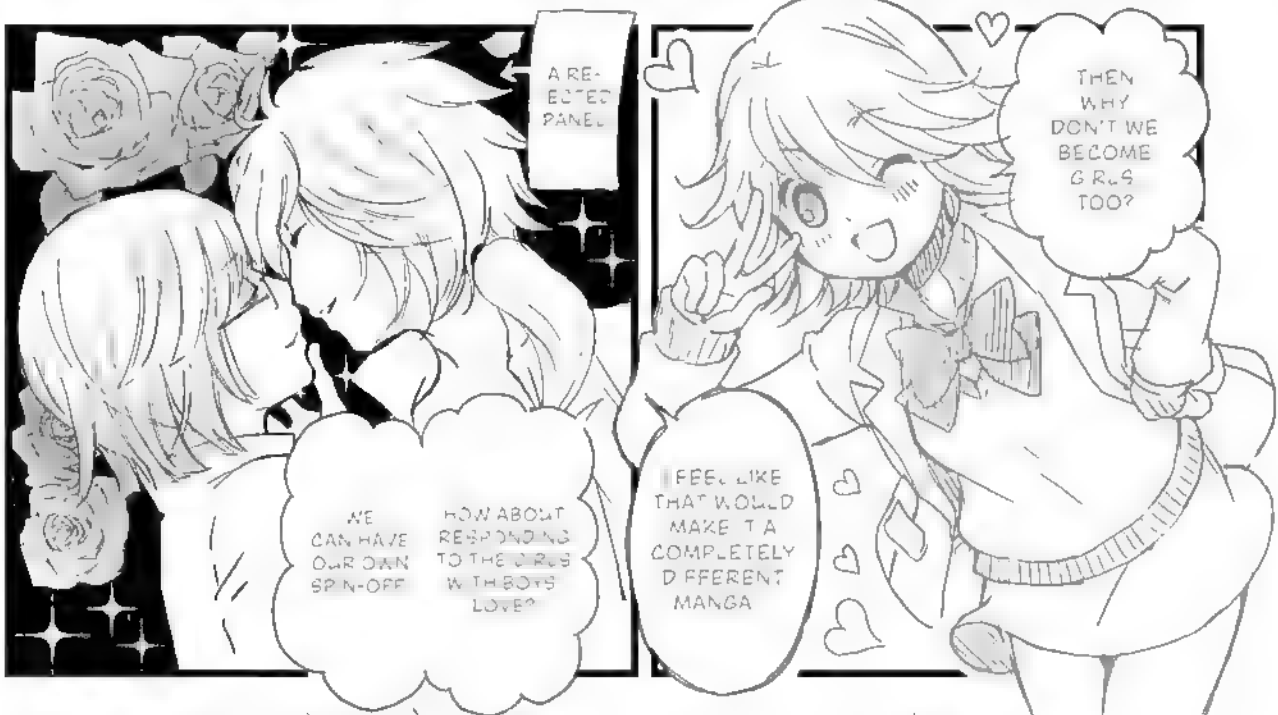
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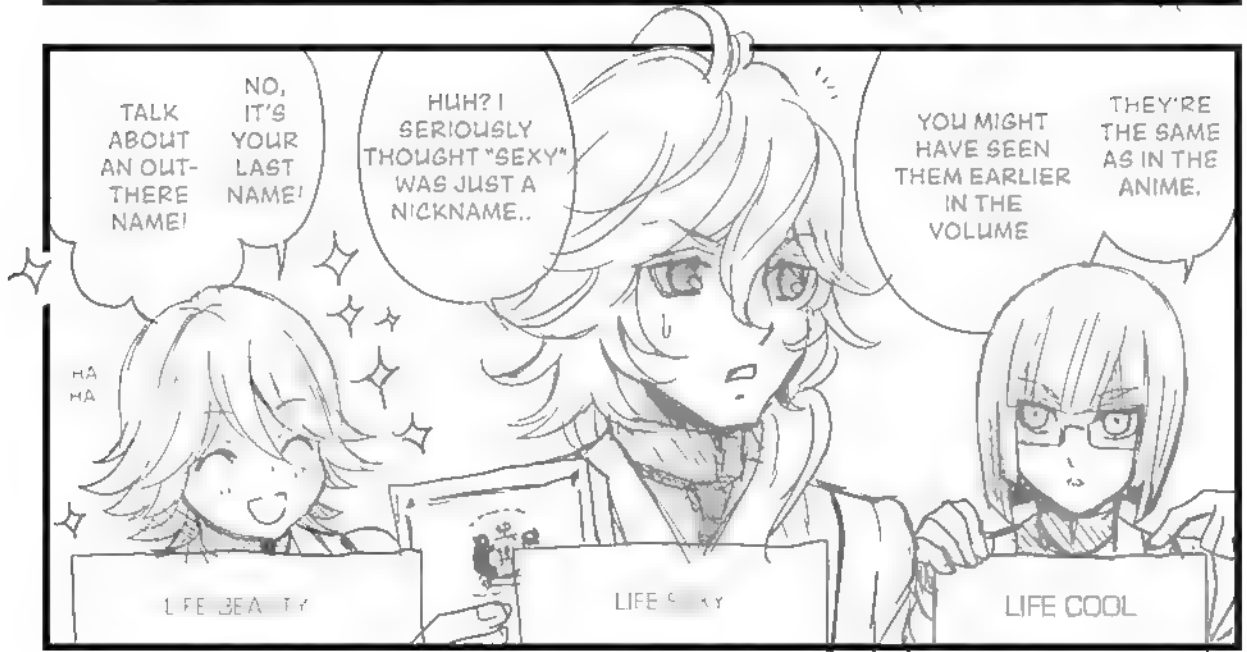
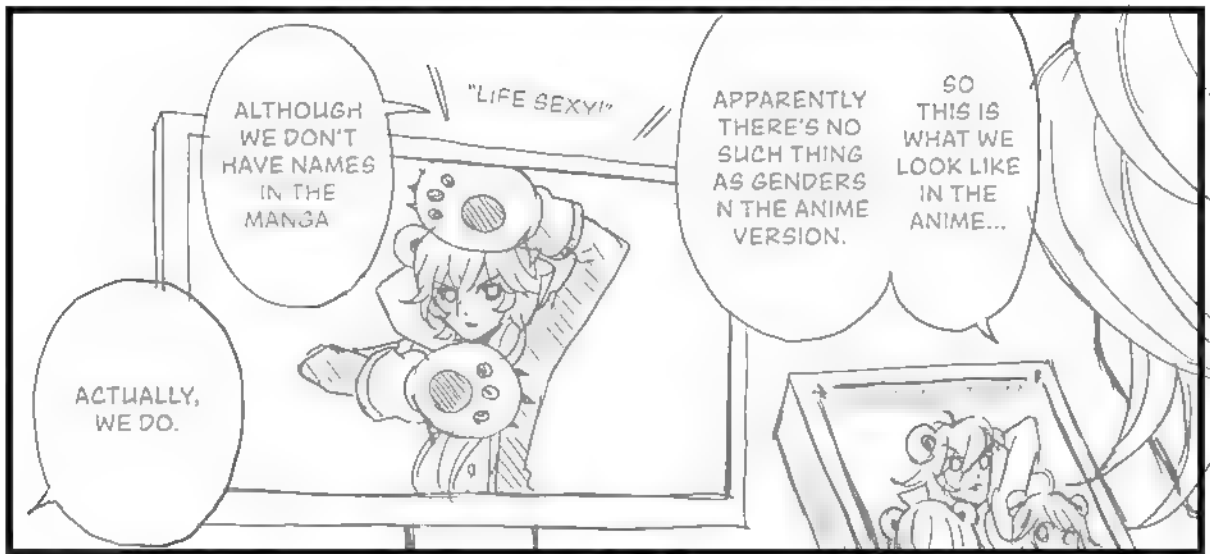
(Not) Yuri Bear Storm!



Ikunigomakinako Has Probably Forgotten About...



I Want Them to Make the Same Pose in the Manga



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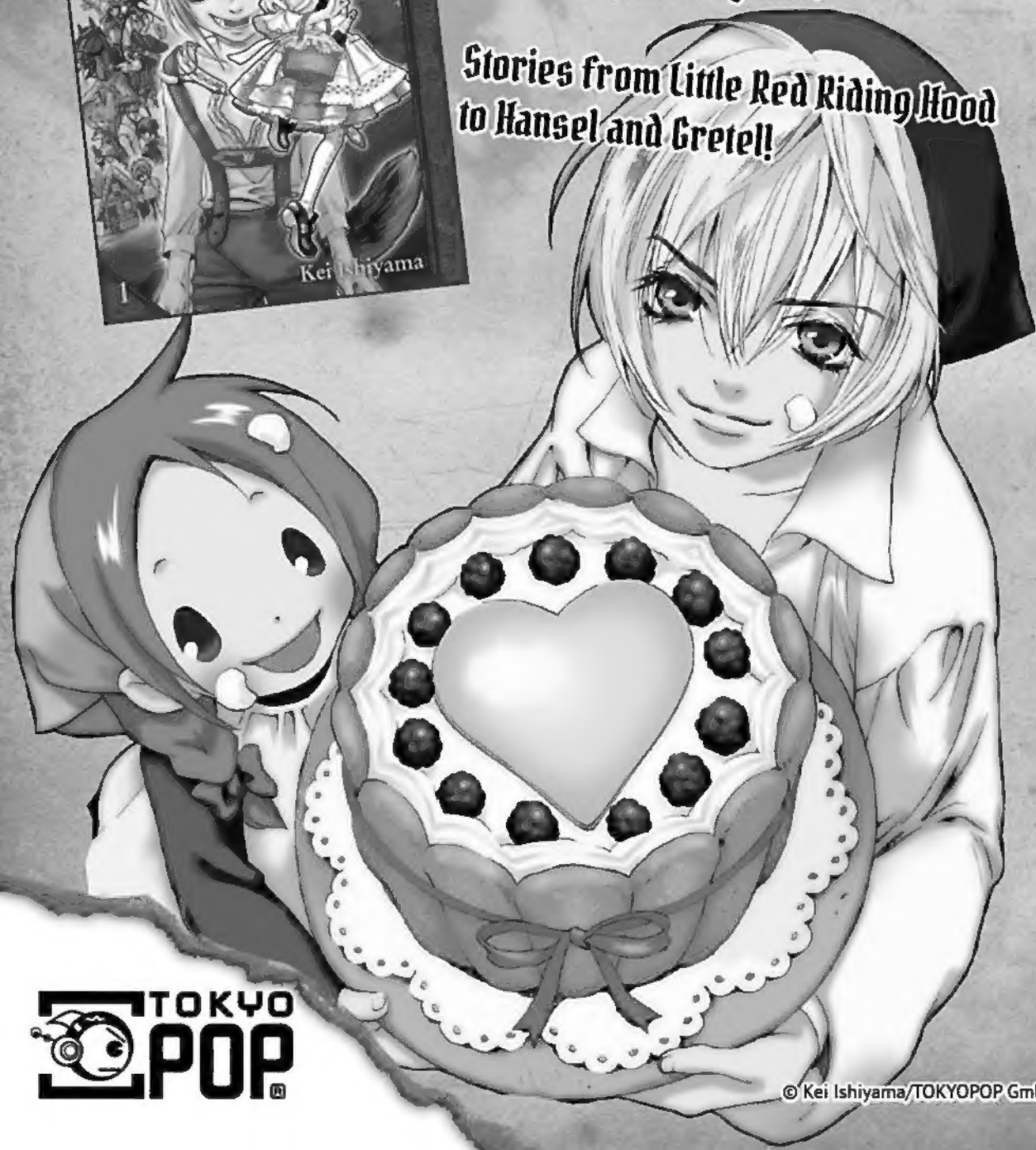
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